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### **EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE:**

2021 – Present: LIEUTENANT, OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ◆ 2<sup>nd</sup> in command, overseeing sergeants, officers and public safety officers as we develop a brand-new police department to serve the students, faculty and staff at Oregon State University. I supervise and train all employees in all aspects of policing.

2017 – Present: EXPERT WITNESS, DT SWEENEY CONSULTING, LLC

- ◆ Expert witness/consultant on policing issues including training, SWAT, use of force, early intervention, liability, complaints, EEO, human resources, performance reviews, etc.

2019 – March 2021: WATCH COMMANDER, SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT NORTH PRECINCT

- ◆ Supervised 8 sergeants and 60 officers. I was responsible for all patrol activities of my personnel in the SPD North Precinct, a community of 235,000 people. I coordinated and directed staff during emergency responses. I conducted use of force reviews and supervised others.

2016 – 2019: FORCE INVESTIGATION LIEUTENANT, EAST PRECINCT

- ◆ Responsible for analysis of officer's use force during arrests. I gather evidence from reports, statements, photos, recordings, and in-car video (ICV). I evaluate the officer's legal authority and lawful purpose when detaining suspects. I form opinions on whether or not the officer made proper efforts at de-escalation prior to use of force.
- ◆ Precinct compliance lieutenant, responsible for tracking and following up on all personnel reporting to mandatory training.

2005 – 2021: TRAINING CADRE, SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ◆ I have trained thousands of SPD employees from all ranks in the following disciplines: Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Performance Reviews for Employees, Early Intervention for Police Officers, Early Intervention for Police Supervisors, Effective Supervision of Police Personnel, Tactical De-Escalation, Care Under Fire, Integrated Tactics and Use of Force, Active Shooter/Rapid-Intervention, Crisis Intervention Training, Post-Academy Training for New Officers, Taser Instructor, CPR Instructor, Emergency Vehicle Operations Course, & Legal Standards for Police.

- ◆ In addition, I have trained and/or demonstrated training tactics to personnel from the Department of Justice as well as other local and federal police departments in Crisis Intervention, Tactical De-escalation and Use of Force.

#### 2015 – 2016: OPERATIONS LIEUTENANT, NORTH PRECINCT

- ◆ Responsible for reviewing officer's use force during arrests. (See above).
- ◆ Analyzed and reviewed pursuits, collisions, and complaints of misconduct.
- ◆ Supervised the Community Police Team (CPT) and Anti-Crime Team (ACT).
- ◆ Oversaw precinct budgeting and assignments for personnel working emphasis patrols in the North Precinct. Reduced precinct overtime costs by identifying extraneous activity.
- ◆ Responsible for staffing the precinct's 3 patrol shifts.
- ◆ Served as Acting Captain, in charge of the precinct.
- ◆ Completed regular analysis of precinct crime trends and reported to the Chief's data driven police plan (SEASTAT). Deployed personnel to high-crime areas.
- ◆ Frequently met with the community to speak about North Precinct policing issues.

#### 2014 – 2015: PATROL SERGEANT, SPD NORTH PRECINCT

- ◆ Guided, directed, motivated and trained a patrol squad of 6 – 12 officers.
- ◆ Analyzed and reviewed use of force by officers in the field.
- ◆ Responsible for squad's response to 911 emergency and routine calls (assault, robbery, theft, burglary, alarms, collisions, etc.).

#### 2010 – 2014: SERGEANT - SPD SWAT

- ◆ Responsible for tactical response to hostage situations, barricaded persons, high-risk search warrants, riot control, and other high-risk 911 calls.
- ◆ Provided dignitary protection for heads of state and other high profile political figures.
- ◆ Supervised 6-24 officers at a time during full-team callouts to high profile incidents.
- ◆ Led a group of subject matter experts and published the SPD SWAT Manual.
- ◆ Created a tracking database for all SWAT callouts, training, and qualifications.
- ◆ Provided administrative response to public disclosure requests.

#### 2005 – 2010: DETECTIVE SERGEANT – SPD HUMAN RESOURCES

- ◆ Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Investigator: I handled complaints of misconduct based on race, creed, color, national origin, age, sexual orientation, etc. I also investigated allegations of sexual harassment. I handled a high caseload, which I investigated with the utmost care and confidentiality. Advised commanders of all ranks on investigations.
- ◆ Early Intervention Coordinator: Led the implementation of a new program within the police department, designed to identify and assist officers potentially involved in at risk behavior, either professionally or in their personal life. Designed assistance to officers in need of training, counseling, mentoring, and intervention. System Administrator and Analyst for On-Target Performance Tracking System.
- ◆ Performance Review Coordinator: Coordinated and tracked all performance reviews within SPD. I trained supervisors on creating excellent performance reviews for their employees. I

was the system administrator for our performance review software. I created databases and reports designed to track and improve performance review compliance from supervisors.

2005 – Present: MEDIATOR, KING COUNTY OFFICE OF ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- ◆ Trained mediator, specializing in conflict resolution in the workplace.
- ◆ I successfully use my negotiation skills in order for differing parties to air grievances and begin the healing process which leads to increased work productivity.
- ◆ Identify both differences and similarities in power structure, race, sex and equality in order to promote effective communication and cooperation between parties.
- ◆ Mediated workplace conflicts, landlord/tenant issues, labor conflict and Human Resources complaints.

2003 – 2005: DETECTIVE SERGEANT – SPD INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

- ◆ Internal Investigator responsible for handling complaints of misconduct made against police personnel.
- ◆ Handled a large caseload of Internal Investigations, including some of the most complex and sensitive investigations within SPD. Able to reprioritize with competing work demands.
- ◆ Managed time and workload with minimal supervision.
- ◆ Practiced confidentiality and thoroughness while interacting with a diverse group of people of all ranks.

2001 – 2003: PATROL SERGEANT – SPD WEST PRECINCT

- ◆ Responsible for leading, motivating and training a group of patrol officers, responsible for 911 calls in the downtown precinct.
- ◆ Supervised and reviewed officer's uses of force, arrests, reports, and other calls for service.
- ◆ On Friday and Saturday nights, I was responsible for the downtown nightlife scene and all assorted disturbances, fights, shots fired, etc.
- ◆ Worked with bar owners/operators in order to reduce the level of nightlife violence.

1999 – 2000: SPECIAL DEPLOYMENT OFFICER

- ◆ Designed, implemented and staffed SPD's Millennium Plan for New Year's Eve 1999 (Y2K), the largest force deployment in SPD's history.
- ◆ Developed numerous staffing plans for special events in the city (parades, marathons, protests, sporting events, etc.).
- ◆ "Movie Officer" for SPD. I worked with film and TV producers and the Washington State Film Commission on promoting and supervising filming in the City of Seattle. I hired and supervised off-duty officers, enforced filming permits and handled billing invoices.

1998 – 1999: DUI ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, SPD TRAFFIC SECTION

- ◆ Handled 500 DUI arrests and thousands more traffic stops involving drinking and driving.
- ◆ MADD Officer of the Year, 1998.
- ◆ Self-motivated and dedicated to arresting drunk drivers, issuing citations and working special events. Participated in safety task force meetings and emphasis.

- ◆ Conducted a “drinking lab” for other officers and the City Attorney’s Office in order to increase the City’s ability to detect and prosecute motorists who drink and drive.
- ◆ Demonstrated history of excellent written reports and expert courtroom testimony.

1994 – 1997: FIELD TRAINING OFFICER

- ◆ Responsible for guiding, directing, teaching and training new officers on how to become an effective police officer.
- ◆ I completed daily and weekly evaluations of my probationary officers, designed to encourage and motivate, while correcting behavior in need of improvement.

1987 – 1997: POLICE OFFICER, SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ◆ Responsible for detecting and deterring criminal activity in the North and West Precincts.
- ◆ Handled 911 calls for service, including felony and misdemeanor investigations, collisions, mental health issues, community service, and other miscellaneous calls.

1983-1987: SECURITY OFFICER, SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

- ◆ Lead supervisor, responsible for detecting and deterring criminal activity on campus.
- ◆ Assist students and staff with a variety of campus services.
- ◆ Conducted safety and security assessments for university buildings.

**EXPERT WITNESS CASES:** (6 plaintiff, 1 defendant, 1 civil case).

- ◆ 2017: Stand by for deposition on Tacoma Police traffic collision. Did not testify.
- ◆ 2017: Expert weapon opinion offered on civil handgun harassment case.
- ◆ 2017: Expert opinion and report offered on Pierce County Sheriff liability case.
- ◆ 2018: Provided deposition testimony on Seattle School District security case where a student was assaulted.
- ◆ 2020: Expert opinion provided for lawsuit vs. Kent Police, failure to take appropriate action. I did not find fault with Kent Police, and I was not retained.
- ◆ 2021: Expert opinion and written analysis for a fatal police pursuit in Nampa, ID.
- ◆ 2021: Expert opinion and written analysis of a lawsuit against King County in Seattle for not taking appropriate police action where a subject later died in custody.
- ◆ 2021: Expert opinion and written analysis for a lawsuit for unlawful citizen’s arrest against Oregon Patrol, a security company.
- ◆ 2021: Expert opinion and advice for a lawsuit against the City of Eugene involving police custody of a subject who died in the back seat of a police car.
- ◆ 2021: Expert opinion and advice for a lawsuit against Nevada County for a fatal police shooting.

**EDUCATION:**

- ◆ University of Washington. B.A. in Law, Societies, and Justice, 2004.
- ◆ Shoreline Community College, Police Science Associates Degree, 2002.
- ◆ Graduated #1 in my class for Northwestern School of Police Staffing and Command, 2021.
- ◆ Extensive leadership development training classes through a variety of different curricula.

