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Work Experience

Medicolegal Death Investigator October 2007 to present Dallas County Medical Examiner, Dallas, Texas

- Attend death scenes and collect data to include photographs and medications and prepare a detailed written report to the Medical Examiner
- Work cooperatively with law enforcement personnel to ensure collection and preservation of evidence related to the death investigation.
- Interview family, witnesses, law enforcement, medical professionals
- Assist in determination of cause and manner of death
- Collect, document, secure, track and dispose of decedent's personal property
- Facilitate disposition of a body
- Determine scope of investigation including jurisdiction, scene attendance, and acceptance of body for physical exam based on in-take notifications (on-scene and through death notification)
- Determine release or final dispositions of decedent's bodies (including indigent and unclaimed bodies)
- On-the-job training for new agents within the medical examiner's office
- Supervised office in the absence of a supervisor on weekends and multiple holidays

Adjunct Professor January 2015 to present Eastfield Community College, Mesquite, Texas

- The class is Introduction to Forensic Science and consists of 20 students
- Develop presentations for weekly lectures
- Develop syllabus and schedule
- Develop tests and outline for term papers
- Proficient with Blackboard system and the online teaching environment
- Develop laboratory experiments and apply those experiments to everyday work in forensics
- Demonstrate and teach scene investigation and protocol
- Apply real life experiences to teaching and demonstrations

Police Officer and Criminal Investigator January 2005 to October 2007 Clyde Police Department, Clyde, Texas

- Responded to emergency and non-emergency requests and enforced city ordinances and state and federal laws
- Required to be on duty to respond during emergency situations, including natural and/or man-made disasters
- Investigation of various crimes ranging from identity theft to multiple manslaughter
- Canine Unit which included staying abreast of court decisions and laws governing search and seizure pertaining to the use of a canine

- Solely responsible for training with my canine which was was an ongoing task
- Assisted animal control and am a certified animal control officer
- Maintenance of continuing education and training for the peace officer licenseing with the state of Texas

Cadet

July 2004 to November 2004 Texas Police Corp, Huntsville, Texas

- Federally funded program enacted in order to place more educated officers in rural communities
- Residential 20 week academy
- Certified to carry aerosol spray restraint as well as certification to conduct Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST)
- Physical training was done five days a week
- Program was focused on community policing and character development
- Received commission as a peace officer upon successful completion

Investigator

February 2003 to December 2003, Roberts and Wood, Riverdale, MD

- Criminal defense attorneys and medical civil litigation attorneys
- Investigative support and assisted staff attorneys in investigating assigned cases in preparation for trial
- Interviewed experts and reluctant witnesses and incarcerated clients/witnesses in order to obtain information pertinent to criminal and civil cases
- Traveled extensively through Maryland, the District of Columbia, and northern Virginia in order to locate and interview people
- On call twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, as needed for clients and their families
- Available at all times for testimony in approximately five different jurisdictions, including county and federal court and testified in two of those jurisdictions multiple times

Veterinary Technician, Team Leader

1995 to 2002, Neel Veterinary Hospital, Oklahoma City, OK

- Twenty-four hour emergency veterinary clinic
- Worked extended shifts of up to 20 hours on a single shift on multiple occasions as needed to meet hospital needs
- Educated clients and staff regarding animal care
- Maintained accounts receivable and balanced daily receipts
- Functioned efficiently in emergency situations while simultaneously directing various groups of people
- Conducted radiographs and lab work (i.e., blood, fecal, urinalysis, etc.) for all types of animals
- Supervised up to 45 employees in progressive, active, and high-stress situations
- Worked as an extension of the physicians when he/she was unable to directly communicate with clients

Education

- **Masters of Forensic Science** December 2003
Degree received in Forensic Science, specializing in the Discipline of Technical Investigation
University of Central, Edmond, Oklahoma

- **Bachelor of Science** May 2001
Degree received in Organizational Leadership
Southern Nazarene University, Bethany, Oklahoma

- **Associate Degree in Biology** December 2000
Degree received in Biology
Oklahoma City Community College, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Achievements/Awards

- President's Honor Roll, Summer 2002 at University of Central Oklahoma
- Top Canine Unit US Tactical Canine, July 2005
- Personal references from employers and families regarding outstanding performance on multiple dates

Professional Associations

- Diplomat with American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators

Relevant Training

- Death Investigation, January – May, 2002
- Bloodstain Pattern Analysis, June 2002
- Association of Crime Scene Reconstruction October, 2002
- Shooting Incident Reconstruction October, 2002
- Homicide Investigations, March 2005
- Identity Crime Update, September, 2005
- Criminal Law Update, November, 2005
- Methamphetamine Conference, February 2006
- Basic Animal Control Officer, June 2006
- FEMA Basic Incident Management, September 2006
- Forensic Sciences Training Program, NYC Medical Examiner, March 2010
- National Forensic Technology Center, Medicolegal Death Investigation Training Program, October 2010
- Investigating Sudden Deaths: Cause of death scenarios that mimic one another, October, 2011
- Forensic Specialties in Death Investigation, NYC Medical Examiner, March 2012
- Recreational Asphyxia; Mechanical, June 2012
- Mass Disaster Conference, October 2013

Volunteer Experience

- Tulsa Police Department - assisted with the database construction for the Sexual Assault Nursing Examiners (SANE) and assisted in organizing and logging evidence
- Lake Pointe Church – Assisted physical and mentally challenged children during camp
- Lake Pointe Church – Assisted in teaching English as a second language
- Dallas County High Risk Victims Community Taskforce Court Observation Team – This a “silent support” for victims of human trafficking
- Dallas County High Risk Victims Community Taskforce – Provided various items including snacks monthly to the victims waiting room at the courthouse
- Lake Pointe Church – Teaching a women’s Bible study biweekly to approximately 10 women

Teaching Experience

- Death Investigation to Dallas Police Academy Multiple occasions
 - Classes consisted of approximately 30 students.
 - Taught the requirements and instructions for reporting a death to Dallas County Medical Examiner’s Office.
 - Answered questions regarding what was expected of officer at a death scene
 - Developed presentation and distributed materials
 - Material was integrated into the training during the academy in order for cadets to become police officers.
- Funeral Home Director convention, Waco, Texas April 2012
 - Audience consisted of approximately 100 students.
 - Developed the presentation and materials Answered questions regarding what was expected of officer at a death scene
 - Presentation was required for continuing education for funeral home directors
 - Represented Dallas County Medical Examiner’s Office to potential entities that would send decedents to the facility.
- Garland Independent School District Garland, Texas, Multiple occasions
 - Classes consisted of approximately 20 students
 - Students were high risk high school students from the public school system
 - Developed a presentation regarding the warning signs of overdose and prevention of suicide
 - Educated students about the medical examiner’s office and its role in the death of individuals
- Garland Citizens Police Alumni Association January, 2014
 - Presentation to approximately 80 people
 - Developed/wrote a presentation regarding the cause and manner of death
 - Educated the people about the medical examiner’s office and its role in the death of individuals
- Urban Park Elementary School Dallas, Texas November 2013
 - Five classes that consisted of approximately 20-25 students
 - Students ranged in age from approximately 6 y/o to 10 y/o
 - Developed an age appropriate presentation
 - Educated students about forensics and various specialties
- Forney Independent School District Forney, Texas November, 2010
 - Two classes that consisted of approximately 30 students
 - Students were honor roll high school students from the public school system
 - Developed a presentation regarding the cause and manner of death
 - Educated students about the medical examiner’s office and its role in the death of individuals