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Rich Consulting, LLC

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EDUCATION

New Jersey Institute of Technology

- Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, Summa Cum Laude
- Senior design project: An Excel Application to Estimate the Impact Speed of a Vehicle After a Collision with a Utility Pole or Tree

ACCREDITATIONS AND LICENSES

Accreditation Commission for Traffic Accident Reconstruction (ACTAR)

- Certificate of Full Accreditation #1776, Sep. 2006

National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE)

- Certified Automotive Technician #ASE-5604-6945, Dec. 2016

Federal Aviation Administration

- Private Pilot, Single Engine Land, Sep. 2002

EXPERIENCE

Rich Consulting, LLC

Dec. 2012 to Present

Principal, Accident Reconstructionist

- More than 2,000 hours of training concentrated in Traffic Crash Reconstruction/Investigation
- Routinely perform complex analyses including:
 - Speed Calculations, Human Factors Elements, Time-Distance, Event Data Recorder (“black box”) Imaging, Energy Damage Profile, Lamp Examinations, Occupant Kinematics, Video Speed Analysis, and Monte Carlo analysis
- Serve as an expert for legal matters involving:
 - Fatality/Serious Injury Collisions, Passenger Vehicles, Commercial Vehicle Collisions, Pedestrian, Motorcycle, and Bicycle Collisions
- Utilize the Leica BLK 360 Laser Scanner for precise measurements to produce 3-D Point Cloud Models, demonstratives, animations, simulations, and diagrams.
- Utilize a Carlson Robotic Total Station for forensic mapping of scenes and vehicle damage
- Utilize Virtual Crash 4 software to simulate and animate passenger vehicle, heavy truck, pedestrian, and bicycle accidents
- Perform photogrammetric analyses (obtaining measurements from photos and/or video)
- Utilize the equipment necessary to obtain data from automotive event data recorders (EDR) and heavy truck engine control modules (ECM)
- Instruct police officers, engineers, and insurance employees in the use of the Bosch Crash Data Retrieval Tool and in the interpretation of EDR data

- University of Tulsa Traffic Crash Reconstruction Consortium** 2010 – 2015
Contract Test Engineer
- Planned, prepared, and executed bicycle, pedestrian, passenger vehicle and heavy truck crash tests
 - Analyzed data from laboratory-grade instruments utilized in crash tests
- Crash Test Team, University of North Florida (IPTM)** 2007 – Present
Member
- Plan, prepare and execute bicycle, pedestrian, passenger vehicle and heavy truck crash tests
 - Analyze data from laboratory-grade instruments utilized in crash tests
- University of North Florida, Institute of Police Technology and Management** 2003 – Present
Adjunct Instructor
- Instruct and design advanced accident reconstruction courses
 - Applied Physics
 - Vehicle Dynamics
 - Traffic Crash Reconstruction Update
 - Energy Methods and Damage Analysis
 - Event Data Recorder Level I
 - Event Data Recorder Level II
 - Forensic GPS Investigations
 - Advanced Pedestrian/Bicycle Accident Reconstruction
 - Post-Crash Forensic Vehicle Examinations
- Bergen County Prosecutor’s Office, Paramus, NJ** 1999 – 2012
Detective/Pilot
- Assigned to the Fatal Accident Investigation Unit (FAIU) and the Aviation Unit. Responsible for supervising serious/fatal collision investigations occurring within Bergen County. Duties included:
 - Collision analysis and reconstruction
 - Supervised a twenty-four-member Fatal Accident Investigation Unit Task Force
 - Reviewed and approved all task force reconstructions
 - Prepared forensic maps using a total station, high definition laser scanner, and computer aided drawing (CAD) software
 - Performed forensic vehicle, scene, and pedestrian examinations
 - Downloaded and interpreted event data recorder (EDR) data
 - Assisted Homicide and Arson Squads with crime scene documentation/measurements
 - Interviewed hundreds of witnesses to serious and fatal motor vehicle collisions
- Palisades Interstate Parkway Police, Alpine, NJ** 1988 – 1999
Police Sergeant
- Supervised all serious and fatal collision investigations
 - Collision analysis and reconstruction
 - Performed forensic vehicle, scene, and pedestrian examinations
 - Investigator for the Bergen County Prosecutor’s Office Fatal Accident Investigation Unit
- Larry Peters Hyundai, Ramsey, NJ** 1987 – 1988
Auto Mechanic
- Brogan Cadillac, Ridgewood, NJ** 1986 – 1987
Auto Mechanic

Glen Motors Toyota, Hawthorne, NJ
Auto Mechanic

1982 – 1983

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- ACTAR Exam Preparation 2010 – Present
- Using Microsoft Excel for Traffic Crash Reconstruction 2011 – Present
- Vehicle Dynamics Instructor for the New Jersey Dept. of Highway Traffic Safety 1999 – 2003
- Bergen County Prosecutor’s Office Fatal Accident Investigation Unit Training 1999 – 2012
- Student Tutor at Bergen Community College, Paramus, NJ 1997 – 1998
 - Algebra, Precalculus, Calculus, and Physics

RELEVANT EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- TPMS 2020—It’s Not Just the Warning Light Anymore--Webinar for Technicians** Jul. 2020
National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (1 hour)
- CCAR’s Hybrid Electric/Electric Vehicle Safety--Webinar for Technicians** May 2020
National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (1 hour)
- Electrical Diagnostic Skills & Strategies--Webinar for Technicians** May 2020
National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (1 hour)
- EDR Summit** Mar. 2020
Crash Data Group. Houston, TX (18 hours)
 - Toyota Vehicle Control History Data
 - Subaru ADAS System
 - Pedestrian Automatic Emergency Braking
 - Tesla EDR Update
 - Ignition Cycles
 - Locomotive Event Data Recorders
 - Crossing Signal Event Recorders
- Virtual Crash Simulation Software** Oct. 2019
Forensic Training Group. Atlanta, GA (24 hours)
- Operation and Maintenance of Heavy-Duty Vehicle Air Brake Systems and Components** Oct. 2019
Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake, LLC. Elyria, OH (24 hours)
- Scanning & Software Workshop** Mar. 2019
FARO. Hudson, OH (4 hours)
- Heavy Vehicle Event Data Recovery and Analysis** Feb. 2019
Commonwealth Transportation Consultants. Charlotte, NC (24 hours)
- Crash Reconstruction with Video Evidence** Nov. 2018
OTARA. West Chester, OH (6 hours)
- Pennsylvania State Police Collision Reconstruction Seminar** Oct. 2018
Gettysburg, PA (10 hours)

- Distracted driving
- Acceleration: Lateral, forward, backward, and heavy truck
- Role of NTSB and autonomous vehicle crashes
- Pedestrian walking speeds
- Heavy vehicle event logging devices

Symposium on Traffic Safety May 2018

University of North Florida, IPTM. Clearwater Beach, FL (6 hours)

- Human factors Research Update
- FARO Zone 3D
- Using 3D Scanners in Crash reconstruction

Traffic Crash Analysis Using Virtual Crash Software Mar. 2018

Forensic Training Group. Nashville, TN (19 hours)

Heavy Truck Crash Reconstruction—Including Digital Forensics Feb. 2018

Forensic Training Group. Nashville, TN (21 hours)

Pennsylvania State Police Collision Reconstruction Seminar Oct. 2017

Pennsylvania State Police. Gettysburg, PA (4 hours)

- Results of Human Factors Testing
- Heavy Truck Inspections

EDR Summit Mar. 2017

Collision Safety Institute and Collision Publishing. Houston, TX (20 hours).

- Hyundai/Kia Update
- Autonomous Vehicles
- Data from Infotainment Systems
- Forensic Data from Heavy Vehicle Networks
- Toyota Gen 3 Pre-Crash Brake Data
- Asynchronous Data Concepts in EDR Data
- Atypical Airbag Deployment Cases
- Forensic Methods for Dealing with Damaged ECM/ECU Components

Bridgestone/Firestone Tire Forensics and Accident Investigation Clinic Dec. 2016

Bridgestone/Firestone. West Chester, OH (6 hours)

Optics, Lighting, Visibility and Digital Photography for the Forensic Investigator Sep. 2016

Clearly Visible Presentations, LLC. Indianapolis, IN (40 hours)

Advanced Crash Reconstruction Utilizing Human Factors May 2016

North Western University (40 hours)

Comprehensive Air Brake Systems Training Program Mar. 2016

Bendix. Online (3.5 hours)

CDR Summit Jan. 2016

Collision Safety Institute and Collision Publishing. Houston, TX (20 hours)

- Non-Supported Ford Vehicles
- Damaged Airbag Control Modules
- Hyundai-Kia Update
- FCA Update
- ACM Reprogramming Update
- Testing and Analysis of Unsupported Kia Data

2015 Illinois Association of Technical Accident Investigators Conference
East Peoria, IL (24 hours)

Sep. 2015

- Vehicle Inspections, Nomenclature, and Inspections
- Traffic Emerging Technologies

Special Problems in Traffic Crash Reconstruction

May 2015

University of North Florida, IPTM. Clearwater Beach, FL (32 hours)

- The Proper Use of Simulation Technology for Collision and Rollover Reconstructions and Highway Safety
- Air Brake Inspections and Brake Force Calculations for Heavy Vehicles Equipped with Air Disk Brakes
- Video Analysis and Court Presentation in Collision Investigations
- Crush, Stiffness Values, and Force Balance Case Study Application(s)
- Crash Simulation 101
- Working with Time and Distance in the World of EDRs

CDR Summit

Jan. 2015

Collision Safety Institute and Collision Publishing. Houston, TX (20 hours)

- Toyota Event Recording Prioritization
- Non-Supported Nissan and Infiniti Vehicle Crash Data
- GM Ignition Switch Failures and the Associated CDR Data
- New Vehicle Technologies
- Clearing an ACM—What is it, How is it Done?

Roadway Design and Maintenance, Intersection Control, Punitive Damages, and MUTCD Feb. 2014
New York Statewide Traffic Accident Reconstruction Society. Valhalla, NY (7 hours)

Special Problems in Traffic Crash Reconstruction

May 2013

University of North Florida, IPTM. St. Pete Beach, FL (37 hours)

- Event Data Recorder Update (ver. 10.2)
- CRASH3 in a Nutshell
- Case Studies in Applying EDR to Traffic Crash Reconstruction
- GM Hybrid and Electric Vehicle Technology and its Relationship to EDR
- Motorcycle Modifications and How They Can Affect Your Reconstruction

How to Write a Bullet-Proof Expert Report

Apr. 2013

SEAK. Chicago, IL (14 hours)

Special Problems in Traffic Crash Reconstruction

May 2012

University of North Florida, IPTM. Jacksonville, FL (4 hours)

- Introduction to HVEDR Technology
- Event Data Recorder Update

High Definition Surveying (3-D Laser Scanning & Cyclone Software) Leica Geosystems. Paramus, NJ (32 hours)	Apr. 2012
How to be an Effective Expert Witness SEAK. Chicago, IL (15 hours)	Apr. 2012
2011 NATARI Combined Conference Harrisburg, PA (24 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedestrian Collisions 	Oct. 2011
Crash Data Retrieval Update (Ver. 4.1) Crash Data Specialists. Millersville, MD (14 hours)	Sep. 2011
Human Factors in Traffic Crash Reconstruction University of North Florida, IPTM (40 hours)	Sep. 2011
How to Start, Build and Run a Successful Expert Witness Practice SEAK. Falmouth, MA (11 hours)	Aug. 2011
Special Problems in Traffic Crash Reconstruction University of North Florida, IPTM. (28 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Data Recorder Update (ver. 3.8) • Motorcycle Vs. Car Impacts • Passenger Car Rollovers 	May 2011
2010 Maryland Association of Traffic Accident Investigators Joint Conference Ocean City, MD (24 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavy Truck Rollovers • Heavy Truck Underrides 	Oct. 2010
2010 Illinois Association of Technical Accident Investigators Conference Bloomington, IL (24 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle Rollovers • Tire Forces • Event Data Recorder Update • Pedestrian Collision Reconstruction 	Sep. 2010
Grade Crossing Collision Investigation International Association of Chiefs of Police (8 hours)	Jul. 2010
Special Problems in Traffic Crash Reconstruction University of North Florida (28 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Preparation • Planar Impact Mechanics • Instrumentation and Testing for Crash Reconstruction 	Apr. 2010
2009 Illinois Association of Technical Accident Investigators Conference Bloomington, IL (24 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Speed Yaw Analysis and Lane Change Maneuvers 	Sep. 2009

- Crash Testing
- Event Data Recorder Update and Validation Testing

Emergency Vehicle Operations Simulator Instructor Training Jun. 2009
Mahwah, NJ (14 hours)

National Expert Witness Conference Jun. 2009
SEAK. Hyannis, MA (14 hours)

Special Problems in Traffic Crash Reconstruction Apr. 2009
University of North Florida, IPTM (28 hours)

- Event Data Recorder Version 3.1/3.2 Update
- Single Image Planar Rectification and Multi-Image and Close-Range Photogrammetry in Crash Reconstruction
- The Application of the Searle Throw Distance Formula

New Jersey Association of Accident Reconstructionists Joint Conference Oct. 2008
Atlantic City, NJ (20 hours)

- Event Data Recorder Update
- Critical Speed Yaw
- Airborne Testing
- Lateral Pole Impact Testing

Special Problems in Traffic Crash Reconstruction Apr. 2008
University of North Florida, IPTM (28 hours)

- Sudden Acceleration Crash Investigation
- Surviving the Deposition
- Statistics: A Method to Quantify Uncertainty
- Validating the “f” in Searle
- Estimating Driver Response Times
- What’s New in Event Data Recorders
- New Technology in Commercial Vehicles

2007 Illinois Association of Technical Accident Investigators Conference Sep. 2007
Bloomington, IL (24 hours)

- Momentum Methods
- Crash Testing
- Computer Animation

Energy Methods and Damage Analysis in Traffic Crash Reconstruction Jun. 2007
University of North Florida, IPTM (40 hours)

Special Problems in Traffic Crash Reconstruction Apr. 2007
University of North Florida, IPTM (28 hours)

- Pedestrian Collision Testing
- Animation
- Case Preparation
- Pole Impact Testing

- Bus/Passenger Vehicle Crash Testing

Crash Data Retrieval Data Analyst (Ver. 2.9) Collision Safety Institute (32 hours)	Mar. 2007
Crash Data Retrieval Data Analyst (Ver. 2.8) Collision Safety Institute (24 hours)	Oct. 2006
Crash Data Retrieval Technician Collision Safety Institute (8 hours)	Oct. 2006
Forensic Mapping Systems MJC and Associates (Certified Sokkia Total Station Training, 40 hours)	May 2006
Traffic Crash Reconstruction Update University of North Florida, IPTM (40 hours)	Mar. 2006
AAA Traffic Safety and Crash Investigation Conference Mahwah, NJ (32 hours)	Oct. 2004
Human Bloodstain Patterns The Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science (40 hours)	Jun. 2003
Special Problems in Traffic Crash Reconstruction University of North Florida, IPTM (28 hours)	May 2003
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rollover Testing • Validation of the WinSlam Spin Model • NHTSA Crash Testing 	
Crash Data Retrieval Certification Course Collision Safety Institute (16 hours)	Apr. 2003
Applied Physics for Traffic Crash Investigators University of North Florida, IPTM (40 hours)	Feb. 2002
The Expert Witness and Courtroom Testimony New Jersey Association of Accident Reconstructionists (8 hours)	Nov. 2000
Photogrammetry Using PhotoModeler DeChant Consulting Services (24 hours)	Sep. 2000
Acceleration and VC-2000PC Training Vericom Computers, Inc. (8 hours)	Aug. 2000
Computerized Collision Diagramming University of North Florida, IPTM (40 hours)	July 2000
Inspection and Investigation of Commercial Vehicle Crashes University of North Florida, IPTM (40 hours)	Jun. 2000

The Relationship Between Crush and Energy in Collision Reconstruction New Jersey Association of Accident Reconstructionists (16 hours)	Mar. 2000
Forensic Mapping Specialist MJC and Associates (Certified Sokkia Total Station Training, 40 hours)	Oct. 1999
Motorcycle Accident Investigation University of North Florida, IPTM (40 hours)	Sep. 1999
VC-2000 Operator's Training Vericom Computers, Inc. (8 hours)	Mar. 1999
Certificate in Supervisory Management N.J. Human Resource Development Institute, Rutgers University (320 hours)	Mar. 1997
Police Work Zone Safety (8 hours) Bergen County Police Academy	Jan. 1997
Advanced Accident Reconstruction Texas A&M University, TEEX (40 hours)	Sep. 1996
Catastrophic Aircraft Emergency Seminar Port Authority Police Department (8 hours)	Apr. 1996
Certified Breathalyzer Operator N.J. Dept. Of Law and Public Safety (40 hours)	Sep. 1995
Pedestrian/Bicycle Accident Reconstruction Texas A&M University, TEEX (40 hours)	Sep. 1995
Traffic Accident Reconstruction University of North Florida, IPTM (80 hours)	May 1995
Tire Damage Analysis Michelin Tire Company (8 hours)	Feb. 1995
Advanced Traffic Accident Investigation University of North Florida, IPTM (80 hours)	Mar. 1994
At Scene Traffic Accident Investigation University of North Florida, IPTM (80 hours)	Feb. 1994
Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (24 hours)	May 1993
At Scene Traffic Accident Investigation Bergen County Prosecutor's Office (40 hours)	Mar. 1993

Doppler Radar Operator

N.J. Department of Law and Public Safety (80 hours)

Aug. 1988

Police Training Commission Certificate, Basic Police Training

Paterson (NJ) Police Academy (880 hours)

Apr. 1988

RESEARCH, CRASH TESTING, AND EXPERIMENTS

- Event Data Recorder Placement Effects on Closing Speed Analysis
- Closing Speed Analysis Using EDR Delta-V, Restitution and Effective Mass Ratio
- Low-Speed Impact Tests to Determine Coefficient of Restitution
- Event Data Recorder Delta-V Validation
- Planar Impact Mechanics
- Critical Speed Yaw
- Balancing Collision Forces Validation Tests
- Lane Change Maneuver
- New Jersey Barrier Impacts
- Three-car Collinear Impacts
- Airborne Vehicle Testing
- Frontal Pole Impact Testing
- Lateral Pole Impact Testing
- Multiple Departure Planar Impact Mechanics
- Drag Sled Validation Tests
- Effects of ABS Braking on Grass
- Pedestrian Crash Testing
- Tractor Trailer Skid Testing
- Motorcycle Sliding Friction
- SLAM/WinCrash Spin Model Validation
- Motor Vehicle Rollovers
- Motor Vehicle Rollover Drag Factor Tests on Turf
- Motor Vehicle Sliding Drag Factors on Grass and Asphalt
- Coefficient of Friction Determination
- Normal Acceleration Rates for Passenger Vehicles
- Bloodstain Pattern Recognition
- Low, Medium and High Velocity Bloodstain Patterns
- Bloodstain Origin Determination
- Bloodstain Volume Estimation
- Truck Underrides
- Rotational Mechanics
- Validation of the Effective Mass Ratio
- Low Closing Speed Restitution Values for Transit Bus/Passenger Vehicle Impacts
- Truck v. Car Collisions
- ABS Brake Testing

PUBLICATIONS

- Author/coauthor of many publications.
- See Publications and Presentations List.

PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter/co-presenter at many accident reconstruction conferences, college, and high schools.
- See Publications and Presentations List.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- The Accident Investigator, Episodes 1 and 4, The Discovery Health Channel, 2006.
- Legal Affairs Magazine, July/August 2004. “Crash Course. The Science of Reconstructing Car Accidents”.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Society of Automotive Engineers;
- National Association of Professional Accident Reconstruction Specialists;
- New Jersey Association of Accident Reconstructionists (Life Member); and
- Ohio Traffic Accident Reconstruction Association (Life Member).