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Thomas Fitzgerald possesses thirty years of expertise in commercial vehicle safety enforcement, accident reconstruction and collision analysis on the state and federal level. He has served as an expert witness, authored policies, collaborated with federal and state agencies to draft legislation, developed strategic plans, established safety standards, and implemented trainings and curricula.

**EXPERIENCE:**

June 2022- Present

CMVSafety.Com LLC, Principal / Owner

* Conduct commercial vehicle safety regulatory analysis, compliance audits, evaluate and

implement safety policies.

* Conduct commercial vehicle crash analysis and crash reconstruction.

January 2010-April 2022

Massachusetts State Police, Lieutenant and Commanding Officer,

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Section

• Authored the Massachusetts Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan for Statewide Commercial Enforcement under the Federal DOT MCSAP Program.

• Established the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance Crash and Data Standards Committee to improve the quality of CMV crash investigations on a national level.

• Implemented a data-driven CMV crash fatality reduction program that reduced fatalities to an actual or near national low for 10 consecutive years.

• Collaborated with Massachusetts state agencies, state and local police to develop crash reports, data sharing, and safety legislation.

• Developed the Massachusetts Statewide Strategic Highway Safety Plan for Commercial Vehicle Safety.

• Directed education and enforcement training efforts of state and local police departments for the successful implementation of the Massachusetts Statewide Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

* Responsible for leading the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program which includes roadside inspections, compliance reviews and new entrant audits, Data Q’s, hazardous materials, and size and weight enforcement.

July 2005-January 2010

Massachusetts State Police, Sergeant and Operations Officer,

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Section

• Developed a commercial motor vehicle enforcement course for Patrol Officers.

• Supervised the New Entrant and Compliance Review Unit.

* Conducted roadside inspections and led the investigation of fatal or serious CMV crash investigations.

January 2005-July 2005

Massachusetts State Police, Sergeant,

Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section

• Developed a modernized statewide crash investigation training curriculum.

• Taught crash investigation for Massachusetts State Police recruits.

* Reconstructed fatal and serious injury crashes.

September 2001-January 2005

Massachusetts State Police, Trooper,

Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section

• Authored the CARS Unit strategic plan.

* Reconstructed fatal and serious injury crashes.

August 1989–September 2001

Massachusetts State Police, Trooper,

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Section

• Developed a CMV Enforcement training course for Patrol Officers.

* Conducted roadside inspections, DOT compliance reviews, CMV crash investigations, and weight enforcement.

October 1987-August 1989

Massachusetts State Police, Trooper, SP Grafton

• Performed general patrol duties.

* Member Troop C Crash Reconstruction Team.
* Reconstructed fatal and serious injury crashes.

July 1987- October 1987

Massachusetts State Police, Trooper, SP Foxboro

• Performed general patrol duties.

**EXPERT WITNESS:**

• Admitted and testified as an expert in Massachusetts District and Superior Courts.

* Completed over 2,800 Hours of Crash Reconstruction, DOT Compliance, Weapons of Mass Destruction and OSHA training.

**PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES**:

Massachusetts Traffic Incident Management Committee

Commercial Vehicle Sub-Committee Chair

Massachusetts Strategic Highway Safety Plan Member

Commercial Vehicle Safety Sub-Committee Chair

Member Motorcycle Safety Programs Committee

Member Distracted Driving Committee

Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance

Past Chair, Commercial Vehicle Crash Investigation Standards Data and Quality Committee

Past Chair, Driver and Traffic Enforcement Committee

The Northeast Association of State Transportation Officials - OW/OS Permits

Committee Member

**EDUCATION:**

**Juris Doctor**

Massachusetts School of Law, Andover MA,

**Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Bachelor of Science, Finance**

Merrimack College, North Andover MA,

**CERTIFICATIONS:**

2019 NHTSA StandardizedField Sobriety Testing and Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving

Enforcement

2015 Pro- Board Certified NFPA 472 Hazardous Material Technician

2014 Certified Legal Matter Instructor, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Municipal Training Committee

2007 The Accreditation Commission for Traffic Accident Reconstruction

Full Accreditation as a Traffic Accident Reconstructionist ACTAR #1630

1997 USDOT Office of Motor Carriers Compliance Review Certification

1996 Admitted to Massachusetts Bar

1989 USDOT Office of Motor Carriers Basic Hazardous Materials and Cargo Tank Enforcement Certification

1988 USDOT Bureau of Motor Carriers CMV Inspector Certification