

Edward Sommers

Private Investigator
Traffic Crash Reconstructionist
Technician and Analyst in Event Data Recorder
Documentation and forensic analysis of crashes
Involving cars, motorcycles and pedestrians
Drug and Alcohol DUI Case Consulting
Retired Law Enforcement Officer 27+ years



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Introduction:

Edward Sommers began his career in public safety with the Lee County Sheriff's Office in 1989. Mr. Sommers attended the Southwest Florida Criminal Justice Academy and completed the requirements for a Correctional Officer certification in 1991. In 1995 Mr. Sommers was transferred to the patrol division and attended Law Enforcement Academy at Southwest Florida Criminal Justice Academy and received his Law Enforcement Certification.

In 1996 Mr. Sommers left the Lee County Sheriff's Office and worked with the Department of Corrections at Baker Correctional Institution. Mr. Sommers worked in both the main institution and the work camp. Mr. Sommers also transported prisoners all over the State of Florida for Department of Corrections. In April of 2000, Detective Sommers left Baker C.I. for re-employment with Lee County Sheriff's Office

Mr. Sommers returned to Lee County Sheriff's Office in May of 2000 and began working on the road in a road patrol function. Mr. Sommers made Deputy First Class and continued working in the road patrol division in the Southern area of Lee County. Detective Sommers was transferred from South District patrol to West District patrol, patrolling Ft. Myers Beach and Harlem Heights community.

In November of 2003 Mr. Sommers transferred from the road patrol division to the Special Operations Unit where he was assigned to the Traffic Unit as a DUI Enforcement Officer for four years. As a DUI enforcement officer Cpl. Sommers made over 600 DUI arrests and also administered the SFSE battery to over 700 suspected impaired drivers. Detective Sommers was honored by M.A.D.D. in 2006 among one of few officers to make over 100 DUI arrests in a one-year period (2005). In January 2008 Mr. Sommers was re-classified as a Detective, for Traffic Homicide Investigations with the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Sommers has spoken at meetings such as the M.A.D.D. victim impact panel, Lee Memorial High Risk Drivers Program, Lee County Schools and other civic gatherings. Mr. Sommers taught DUI Enforcement and Crash Investigations to Deputies within the Lee County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Sommers was field training officer with the Lee County Sheriff's Office for all areas of traffic enforcement.

Mr. Sommers is a 27 year retired Law Enforcement Officer from Lee County Sheriff's Office. He has dedicated a majority of his career in crash investigations and DUI enforcement. He has completed investigations in DUI manslaughter and vehicular homicide cases. Mr. Sommers is a traffic crash reconstructionist and crash investigator. He was a IACP Drug Recognition Expert and DUI instructor. Mr. Sommers is a certified technician and Analyst in Event Data Recorders (EDR) and has testified in court as an expert. Mr. Sommers has the ability for the downloading of EDR's (vehicle "black boxes") for investigations.

Mr. Sommers is now a private investigator for Accurate Investigations and Security, Inc. He is now ready to assist the public when they need further investigations or to assist in criminal or civil cases in the Southwest Florida area.

Formal Education:

Edison Community College
Fort Myers, Florida

Dixie Hollins High School
St. Petersburg, Florida

Professional Training:

Instituted of Police Technology Management (ITPM) Jacksonville, Florida
656 Hrs.
University of North Florida

Southwest Florida Criminal Justice Academy Fort Myers, Florida
474 Hrs.

Florida Law Enforcement Officer Fort Myers, Florida 706 Hrs.

Florida Correction Officer Fort Myers, Florida 453 Hrs

Work History:

Accurate Investigations Fort Myers, Florida 2016 to Present
Lee County Sheriff's Office Fort Myers, Florida 2000 to Retired 12/2016

Special Operations Division:

Traffic Enforcement / Traffic Homicide Det. 5/2005 to 8/2016
DUI Enforcement Unit 11/2003 to 3/2005

District Road Patrol:

Road Patrol Deputy 5/2000 to 5/2003
Suwannee Co. Sheriff's Office (pt) Suwannee Co. Florida 1997 to 1998
Department of Corrections Baker Correctional Inst. 1996 to 2000
Lee County Sheriff's Office Fort Myers, Florida 1989 to 1996

Court Room Testimony

State vs Gonzalez, Benito 2cts Veh. Hom. 04-CF-001295 Conviction
Judge J. Schoonover Declared Expert in Reconstruction 4-6-2006

State vs Richard Feijoo Leaving scene of crash invl. Death.
Judge M. Steinbeck Declared Expert in Reconstruction 2-18-09

State vs L. Gonzalez Leaving scene of crash invl. Death Conviction
Judge Mk Steinbeck Declared Expert in Reconstruction 7/2013

Numerous DUI cases, including depositions, suppressions and BAR Hearings.

Advanced Training:

Traffic an DUI related Training

1993	Breath Test Operators Course SWFCJA	40 Hours Fort Myers, Florida
1995	Breath Test Re-Certification Course SWFCJA	10 Hours Fort Myers, Florida
9/2001	Breath Testing Operator FDLE/ATP Course	40 Hours Fort Myers, Florida
8/2002	At scene crash investigation/Traffic Homicide IPTM Course	80 hours Fort Myers, Florida
8/2002	DUI Standardized Field Sobriety Testing IPTM Course	24 Hours Fort Myers, Florida
4/2002	Radar Operator Certification SWFCJA	40 Hours Fort Myers, Florida
4/2003	Laser Operator Certification SWCJA	12 Hours Fort Myers, Florida
5/2003	Breath test Operators Course SWFCJA	24 Hours Fort Myers, Florida
8/2003	Advanced Traffic Crash Investigation IPTM Course	80 hours Fort Myers, Florida
6/2004	Drugs that Impair Driving Course ITPM	8 Hours Bartow, Florida
5/2005	Breath Technician Renewal SWFCJA	8 Hours Fort Myers, Florida
6/2005	Drug and Alcohol Symposium ITPM Course	24 Hours Miami, Florida

7/2005	Florida Aggressive driving Course FDOT	8 Hours Fort Myers, Florida
10/2005	Crash Reconstruction IPTM	80 Hours Jacksonville, Florida
6/2006	Horizontal Gaze and Nystagmus class ITPM	8 Hours Naples, Florida

Traffic and DUI training continued:

6/2007	Drug and Alcohol Symposium IPTM	24 Hours Naples, Florida
5/2007	Crash Data Retrieval Technician and Analyst Course	40 Hours Roanoke, WV
6/2008	Drug and Alcohol Symposium IPTM	24 Hours Orlando, Florida
7/2008	Investigation of CMV Crashes IPTM	40 Hours Jacksonville, Florida
8/2008	Investigation of Motorcycle Crashes IPTM	40 Hours Jacksonville, Florida
11/2008	Crash Zone IPTM	40 Hours Jacksonville, Florida
02/2009	TSRP DUI Manslaughter/Vehicle Homicide	16 Hours St. Pete, Florida
03/2009	DNA Training	2 Hours Naples, Florida
08/2009	Preliminary Training of IACP Drug Evaluation And Classification Program	16 Hours Jacksonville, Florida
08/2009	DRE School Training of the IACP Drug Evaluation and Classification Program	56 Hours Jacksonville, Florida
9/2009	DUI Instructor Training ITPM	40 Hours Cape Coral, Florida

2/2010	Biological Evidence Florida Division of the International Assoc. for ID	6 Hours Cape Coral, Florida
6/2010	DRE Recertification Training IPTM	8 Hours Naples, Florida
6/2010	Pedestrian and Bicycle Crash Investigation Florida Public Safety Institute	40 Hours Tallahassee, Florida
9/2010	Dealing with the difficult DUI Cape Coral Police Department	16 Hours Cape Coral, Florida
9/2010	Traffic Crash Reporting Workshop Cape Coral Police Department	8 Hours Cape Coral, Florida
2/2011	Hybrid and Electric vehicle training Lexus Dealership	3 Hours Ft. Myers, Florida
6/2011	Medical Foundations of Visual Systems Test. Cape Coral Police Department	16 Hours Cape Coral, Florida
11/2011	Breath Test Operator Renewal SWFCJA	4 Hours Ft. Myers, Florida
11/2012	Event Data Recorder Use in Traffic Crash Recon. IPTM	40 Hours Jacksonville, Florida
11/2012	CMS Vehicle Operations Instructor SWFCJA	40 Hours Ft. Myers, Florida
05/2013	2013 Special Problems in Reconstruction IPTM	40 Hours St. Petersburg, FL
05/2014	2014 Special Problems in Reconstruction IPTM	40 Hours St. Petersburg, FL
06//2014	Occupant Kinematics for the Traffic Recon. IPTM	40 Hours Ft. Lauderdale, FL
06/2014	NHTSA Pedestrian Safety Training for LEO NHTSA	2 Hours Ft. Myers, Florida

12/2014	Intoxilyzer 8000 refresher SWFCJA	4 Hours Ft. Myers, Florida
12/2014	FARO 3D scanning course Lee County Sheriff's Office	40 Hours Ft. Myers, FL

General Law Enforcement Training:

6/1992	Firearms Instructor Course SWFCJA	44 Hours Fort Myers, Florida
10/1992	Firefighting for Corrections St. Petersburg Junior College	40 Hours St. Petersburg, Florida
1/1993	Sub-Machine gun training Lee County Sheriff's Office	20 Hours Fort Myers, Florida
5/1993	Advanced CERT and Special Operations Training Lee County Sheriff's Office	40 Hours Fort Myers, Florida
5/2000	FCIC certified- Certification current Lee County Sheriff's Office	8 Hours Ft. Myers, Florida
7/2003	Patrol Rifle Certification Lee County Sheriff's Office	24 Hours Fort Myers, FL
2/2005	CMS Instructor Techniques Southwest Florida public Service Academy	80 hours Fort Myers, Florida
6/2005	Aggressive Driving Seminar F.D.O.T. Course	8 hours Fort Myers, Florida
4/2006	CMS Field Training Officer SWFCJA	40 hours Fort Myers, Florida
5/2006	Interviews and Interrogations SWFCJA	40 hours Fort Myers, Florida
7/2007	Rapid Response to Active Shooter Lee County Sheriff's Office	10 Hours Fort Myers, Florida
8/2007	Line Supervision	80 hours

	SWFCJA	Fort Myers, Florida
4/2010	General Instructor Refresher SWFCJA	8 hours Fort Myers, Florida
7/2010	Simunitions training Lee County Sheriff's Office	8 Hours Fort Myers, Florida
10/2010	Narcotics and Dangerous Drug Investigation SWFCJA	40 Hours Fort Myers, Florida

Awards and Recognition:

Life Saving Medal Lee County Sheriff's Office	12/2000
Deputy of the Month Lee County Sheriff's Office	12/2000
Deputy of the Month Lee County Sheriff's Office	5/2004
Grand Cordon Lee County Sheriff's Office	4/2004
Natural Disaster Support Award Lee County Sheriff's Office	12/2004
Samaritan Award Lee County Sheriff's Office	2/2005
Good Conduct Bar Lee County Sheriff's Office	5/2005
Deputy of the Year Lee County sheriff's Office	2/2005

Deputy of the Year Cape Coral Chamber of Commerce	2/2005
Certificate of Appreciation Internal Revenue Service	2/2005
Certificate of Appreciation Federal Bureau of Investigation	2/2005
Certificate of Appreciation United States Treasury Department	2/2005
MADD 100 + DUI Governors Award	4/2006
Exceptional Service Award Lee County Sheriff's Office	5/2006
Honorable Service Award Lee County Sheriff's Office	3/2007
Hit of the Month (Southern United States) StopTech, LTD.	7/2007
Grand Cordon Award Lee County Sheriff's Office	2009
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Exceptional Service Award Lee County Sheriff's Office	5/2014
Life Saving Award Lee County Sheriff's Office	5/2014
Life Achievement Award (20 years' service) Lee County Sheriff's Office	5/2016
Honorable discharge Lee County Sheriff's Office	12/2016

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