

**EDWARD J SOMMERS.**

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Mr. Sommers is a proudly retired Law Enforcement Officer with 27 plus years of public service. A majority of his service was as a Traffic Homicide Detective with the Lee County Sheriff's Office. He was involved with the investigation of vehicular crashes and DUI/drug impairment investigations for more than 16 years. He was involved with numerous investigations in the prosecution of DUI manslaughter and Vehicular Homicide in the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit. Mr. Sommers has been involved with the use of Event Data Recorders in Law Enforcement since 2007, with assisting in criminal cases from numerous Law Enforcement agencies in Southwest Florida. He has continued in the evaluation of Event Data Recorders working on behalf of attorneys in South Florida. Mr. Sommers continues to investigate crashes along with other types of investigations post retirement, working as a private investigator and crash reconstructionist. Mr. Sommers has worked cases involving family law, worker's compensation, and surveillance cases for contract violations.

**Areas of Specialization**

Crash Reconstruction/Investigation  
Documentation and Forensic analysis of crashes  
DUI Enforcement/Procedures  
Technician and analyst in Event Data Recorders  
Law Enforcement Procedures  
Surveillance Techniques

**Professional Education**

Florida Law Enforcement Training  
Southwest Florida Criminal Justice Academy, 1150 + hours  
Emphasis: Basic Law Enforcement and Correction Training

Advanced Law Enforcement Training  
Southwest Florida Criminal Justice Academy, 474 + hours  
Emphasis: See below list

Institute of Police Technology Management (IPTM)  
University of North Florida, Jacksonville, Florida, 656 + hours  
Emphasis: Traffic Homicide and related studies

**Professional Affiliations**

Florida Association of Licensed Investigators (FALI)

**Positions Held**

Fischer Forensic Engineering  
Cape Coral, Florida  
Investigator/Technician, 2018 - present

Accurate Investigations and Security  
Ft. Myers, Florida  
Investigator/Crash Reconstruction, 2016 - 2018

Lee County Sheriff's Office  
Ft. Myers, Florida  
Traffic Homicide Investigator, 2005 – 2016  
DUI Enforcement Officer, 2003 – 2005  
Patrol Officer, 2000 – 2003

Department of Corrections  
Baker County, Florida  
Baker Correctional Institution, 1996 – 2000

Suwannee County Sheriff's Office  
Suwannee County, Florida  
PT Patrol Officer, 1997 – 1998

Lee County Sheriff's Office  
Fort Myers, Florida  
Correctional and Patrol Officer, 1989 - 1996

**Continuing Education**

**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

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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
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

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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

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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

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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 SWFCJA	80 hours 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

**Additional Training**

11/15/2017	DOT Urine Specimen Collection Easler Education Inc.	8 Hours Fort Myers, Florida
01/30/2018	Glock Armor's Course Glock Corporation	8 Hours Manatee Co. Florida
02/27/2018	OC Instructor Course The Safariland Training Group	8 Hours Pinellas Co. Florida

**Representative Projects**

Mr. Sommers has reported, analyzed and testified in court on a variety of projects including but not limited to the following investigative processes;

- Crash Reconstruction
- Time and Distance Relative Analysis
- Driver Decision / Perception-Reaction Time Studies
- Crash Data Retrieval (CDR) and Event Data Recorders (EDR)
- Vehicle Dynamics
- Occupant Kinematics
- Impairment / Distraction Studies
- Alcohol and Drug Impairment in the operation of motor vehicles

**Miscellaneous**

- Licensed Private Investigator (C1600572)
- Licensed Security Officer (D1800576)
- Licensed Statewide Firearm Holder (G1607129)
- Nauti Open Water SCUBA Certification
- Florida Concealed Weapon Permit
- Federal Firearm Permit Holder (HR218)
- Glock Firearms Armorer
- Chemical Agent Instructor
- Avid Firearms Shooter

**Awards and Recognition:**

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| <i>Life Saving Medal</i><br>Lee County Sheriff's Office   | 2000    |
| <i>Deputy of the Month</i><br>Lee County Sheriff's Office | 12/2000 |
| <i>Deputy of the Month</i><br>Lee County Sheriff's Office | 5/2004  |

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<i>Grand Cordon</i> 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
<i>Deputy of the Year</i> 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
<i>MADD 100 + DUI Governors Award</i>	4/2006
Exceptional Service Award Lee County Sheriff's Office	5/2006
<i>Honorable Service Award</i> 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) 5/2016  
Lee County Sheriff's Office

Honorable discharge 12/2016  
Lee County Sheriff's Office

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