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Qualification Summary

# **AREAS OF SPECIALIZED EXPERTISE**

Recreational Boating Safety Marine Safety Cruise Ship Safety Grade Crossing Safety Hazardous Materials in Transportation

# ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

B.A., Ottawa University, 1967M.P.A., Ball State University, 1971S.E.F., Harvard University, 1985

# **PROFESSIONAL WORK HISTORY**

1978 – Present	<b>Medical, Marketing and Management Services,</b> Centreville, Maryland
1977 – Present	National Transportation Safety Board Transportation Program Safety Analyst
1971 – 1977	Federal Railroad Administration (U.S. D.O.T.) Program and Management Analyst
1967 – 1970	U.S. Peace Corps
1962 – 1963	Alpine Geophysical Associates, Norwood, NJ

## **PUBLICATIONS**

#### 16 National studies for the National Transportation Safety Board:

- NTSB-SEE-78-2, Safety Effectiveness Evaluation-"Analysis of Proceedings of the National Transportation Safety Board Into Derailments and Hazardous Materials April 4-6, 1978, "June 23, 1978.
- NTSB-SR-79-1, Safety Report "Progress Toward Improvement in Marine Steering Reliability," September 21, 1979.
- NTSB-SR-79-2, Safety Report "On the Progress of Safety Modification of Railroad Tank Cars Carrying Hazardous Materials," September 13, 1979.
- NTSB-SEE-81-1, "Safety Effectiveness Evaluation of Rail Rapid Transit Safety," January 22, 1981.
- NTSB-SEE-81, Safety Effectiveness Evaluation "The Improvement of Nighttime Conspicuity of Railroad Trains," April 3, 1981.
- NTSB/SS-83/02, Safety Study "Recreational Boating Safety and Alcohol," October 17, 1983.
- NTSB/SS-85/05, Safety Study Railroad/Highway Grade Crossing Review, Calendar Years 1983 and 1984, "September 30, 1985.
- NTSB/SS-86/04 Safety Study "Passenger/Commuter Train and Motor Vehicle collisions at Grade Crossings (1985)," December 12, 1986.
- NTSB/SS-87/02, Safety Study "Uninspected Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety," September 1, 1987.
- NTSB/SS-88/04, Safety Study "Alcohol/Drug Use and Its Impact on Railroad Safety," June 21, 1988.
- NTSB/SR-88/01, Safety Study "Progress of State Laws on Alcohol Use in Recreational Boating," December 17, 1988.
- NTSB/SS-89/01, Safety Study "Passenger Vessels Operating From U.S. Ports," October 11, 1989.
- NTSB/SS-91/01, Safety Study "Transport of Hazardous Materials by Rail," May 16, 1990.
- NTSB/SS-93/01, Safety Study "Recreational Boating Safety," April 1993.
- NTSB/SS-98/01, Safety Study "Personal Watercraft Safety," May 1998.

#### **Technical Papers:**

- "Fire Safety in Rail Rapid Transit Systems," 5<sup>th</sup> International Proceedings of the System Safety Society, Denver, Colorado, 1980.
- "Fire Protection for Underground Transit System Some Lessons Learned," 6<sup>th</sup>

- International Fire Protection Seminar, Karlsruhe, Germany, 1982.
- "New and Emerging Issues in the Safe Transportation of Hazardous Waste" and "Contingency Planning at Transportation Terminals Handling Hazardous Materials, World Chemical Conference, Rome, Italy, 1987.
- "Recreational Boat Operations and Alcohol," International Congress in Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Oslo, Norway, 1988.
- "Grade Crossing Safety Issues in the U.S.", European Road Safety Conference, Gothenburg, Sweden, 1988.
- "Boating Under the Influence," presented to three State boating Law Administrators' Conference, 1990.
- "Recreational Boating Safety", presented to the National Water Safety Congress, Little Rock, Arkansas, 1993.
- "Improving Coastal Safety," presented to the National Water Safety Congress, Little Rock, Arkansas, 1993.
- "Recreational boating Safety," presented to the National Safe Boating Council's Professional Education Seminar, Portland, Oregon, 1994.

## LICENSES/CERTIFICATES/ACCREDITATIONS

- Trained Recreational Boating Accident Investigator, Underwriter's Laboratory
- Trained Recreational Boating Accident Investigator, State of Nevada
- Trained in Alcohol/Drug Detection (USCG)
- Trained in Highway Railroad Grade Crossing Safety, National Transportation Safety Board
- Trained PWC Driver, Bombardier Recreational Products

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS

- National Water Safety Congress, Regional Vice President, Region 2
- National Safe Boating Council, Secretary
- National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, Associate Member
- International Association of Search and Rescue Activities, Founding Member
- United States Marine Safety Association, Honorary Member
- Marine Council of Underwriter's Laboratories, Inc., Member
- International Marine Transit Association, Member
- Lions Club, Secretary

#### **HONORS & AWARDS**

- September 1999. Award from National Sea Rescue Society of Italy (Societa' Nazionale di Salvamento) and the Italian Coast Guard Auxiliary (Guardia Costiera Ausiliare Italia) presented at National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) Annual Conference, Hot Springs, Arkansas.
- September 1999. President's Special Service Award, presented at NASBLA Annual Conference, Hot Springs, Arkansas.
- April 1993. The National Water Safety Congress National Award, In Recognition for Outstanding Efforts and Accomplishments in the Prevention of Water Related Accidents and Drownings Throughout the Nation. Little Rock, Arkansas.
- May 1989. Quality Step Increase, National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) in Recognition of Outstanding Performance During the Rating Period Ending May 31, 1989. Washington, D.C.
- United States Marine Safety Association (USMSA), October 1993, For
  Outstanding Contributions to Advancing the Equality and Professionalism of the
  Marine Safety Industry. Philadelphia, PA.
- September 1989, NTSB Special Act/Service Award. Washington, D.C.
- September 1985. NTSB Special Act/Group Award for Control of Alcohol/Drug Abuse in Railroad Operations. Washington, D.C.
- Superior Accomplishment Award, NTSB, December 1990. Washington, D.C.
- September 2000. National Safe Boating Council, Inc. Chair Award, for Exemplary Support of Programs to Advance Safer Boating through Education. Mackinaw Island, MI.
- May 2000, Certificate of Appreciation, State of Delaware for Support to Delaware's Safe Boating Education Programs. Fenton, D.E.
- December 1987. Special Act/Service Award, NTSB in recognition of Contributions Toward Enhancing Transportation Safety. Washington, D.C.
- 1997, Certificate of Appreciation, NTSB, in Recognition of Your Unprecedented Success in Promoting the Enactment of Life-saving Legislation in States.
   Washington, D.C.
- 1996, Certificate of Appreciation, NTSB, in Recognition of Efforts to Reduce Boating Safety Fatalities and Injuries through Your Initiative in Starting the National Recreational Boating Safety Coalition. Washington, D.C.
- 1999, Certificate of Appreciation, NTSB, in Recognition of the Success Achieved in 1999 in Promoting NTSB Transportation Safety Improvements in the States. Washington, D.C.
- 1998, Certificate of Appreciation, NTSB, In Recognition of Efforts on the Study of Safety at Passive Grade Crossings. Washington, D.C.
- November 1989, Certificate of Recognition, NTSB Nominee for the Chairman's

- Award in Recognition of Your Substantial Contribution to the Mission of the Safety Board, Washington, D.C.
- 1999, Certificate of Appreciation, NTSB, In Recognition of Efforts on the Personal Watercraft Safety Study. Washington, D.C.
- 1991, Certificate of Appreciation, In Recognition of Your Efforts to Improve Cruise Ship Safety. Washington, D.C.
- September 1984, NTSB Quality Step Increase for Very High Outstanding Performance. Washington, D.C.
- May 1990, NTSB Performance Award in Recognition of Your High Level of Performance during the Rating Period Ending May 31, 1990. Washington, D.C.
- 1989, Certificate of Appreciation, NTSD in Recognition of Your Efforts in Promoting Advanced Safety for Fishing and Passenger Vessels, Vessel Traffic Services and Recreational Boating Safety. Washington, D.C.
- September 1983, Special Act/Service Award, NTSB for Outstanding Accomplishment. Washington, D.C.
- September 1993, Performance Management System Superior Accomplishment Award, Washington, D.C.
- September 1993. Certificate of Appreciation, NTSD in Recognition of Outstanding Contributions to the Investigation and Documentation of Accidents Involving Foreign Flag Passenger Vessels Between 1976 and 1993, Washington, D.C.
- June 2000, NTSD Excellent Performance in Recognition of Great Initiative and Competence as well as Unswerving Dedication to Saving Lives in Recreational Boating, and a Long-term Commitment to Transportation Safety throughout the Nation. Washington, D.C.

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