

Qualifications

1985 – 1990. Driving / maintenance instructor, Royal Dutch Army, Transport Section.

Military car and HGV (off-road) driving and maintenance instructor. Civilian driving instructor.

1990 – 2000. Police Constable and Detective Constable, Dutch Police Force.

Armed emergency response driver and Traffic Specialist.

Courses 1992: Motorcar skid avoidance (Royal Dutch Automobile Association)

1992: GATSO mobile speed radar operator - Breath analysis operator.

1993: Road traffic collision investigation.

1994: Vehicle noise level recording - Hazardous goods transport - Tachograph analysis.

1997: Traffic Control Management and Road Policing Operations.

Experience During my Police career as a uniformed traffic specialist, I have attended and analysed well over four hundred road traffic collisions, from the daily minor ‘mishaps’ to the more serious injury and multiple fatal collisions.

2005 – present. Proprietor (Managing Director), Aldbar (UK Limited), Brechin, Angus.

Forensic collision investigator and road traffic consultant.

Courses 2006: Accident Investigation (Training and Development Centre, Manchester)

2007: Accident Investigation (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, Edinburgh)

2012: Pedestrian & Pedal Cycle Collisions, including crash testing (AiTS, Gloucestershire)

2013: Road Safety Policy (Newcastle University - School of Civil Engineering & Geosciences)

2013: Collision Prevention and Reduction (Newcastle University- School of Civil Engineering)

2013: Road Safety Audits (Newcastle University - School of Civil Engineering & Geosciences)

2014: Maths for Collision Investigators (refresher course) - (AiTS, distance learning)

2019: Drivers’ Responses in Emergency Situations – Dr Jeffrey Muttart/ITAI (Solihull)

2021: Measuring the effects on driver distraction – Dr Gemma Briggs (ITAI, brief Webinar)

2023: Lane change manoeuvres by cyclists – MSc Laura Wittkamp (ITAI, brief Webinar)

2023: The integrity of video evidence – Crouch & Spreadborough (ITAI, brief Webinar)

2023: Tyres as causal factor in incidents – Lovatt & Simms / TyreSafe (ITAI, brief Webinar)

Conferences 2009: ITAI-EVU International Accident Reconstruction Conference, Birmingham
Various lectures (night time driving, visual perception, pedestrian collisions)
Workshops at MIRA test centre (heavy vehicle roll-over, Volvo 'City-Safe' systems)
2011: Institute of Traffic Accident Investigators' International Conference, Leeds
Various lectures (agricultural vehicles, electronic vehicle 'Event Data Recorders')
Workshops (pedestrian collisions and crash scene photography)
2014: Institute of Traffic Accident Investigators' International Conference, Solihull
Various lectures (visibility from trucks, collision avoidance potential, yaw mark analysis)
2015: ITAI-EVU International Accident Reconstruction Conference, Edinburgh
Various lectures (crash prevention systems, visibility at night, lane change manoeuvres)
2017: Graham Feest Consultancy, Road Safety Conference, Stirling
Various lectures (safer roads, safer vehicles, safer road users, safer speeds)
2021: Road Safety GB ('Joining the Dots', two day virtual conference)
Various subjects (mobile phone data from cyclists, Stats 19 review, driver behaviour)

Experience I have taken instructions from the Road Traffic Fatalities Investigation Unit (RTFIU) at the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) and solicitors throughout Scotland, ranging from Section 1, 2B and fatal Section 3 cases to dangerous/careless driving offences, HGV Tachograph fraud charges and personal injury reparation cases.

In my capacity as an Expert Witness, I have provided evidence within Courts across Scotland, including the High Court when called by the Crown, Sheriff and Jury, Court of Session, Fatal Accident Inquiries and the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

Driving I have driven a wide variety of vehicles throughout mainland Europe and the UK, from rigid and articulated lorries and tankers to coaches, double decker buses and agricultural tractors.
Experience I am an IAM advanced motorcar driver and hold an FIA/MSA National 'B' Rally Licence.

I am a UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) registered and experienced drone pilot.

C.P.D. I was a participant in the Institute of Transport Administration's Continuing Professional Development (CPD) scheme and am their first member to have been awarded a certificate after having successfully completed the full ten year cycle of the Institutes' CPD programme