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EXPERIENCE

*International Association of Technology Advocates, LLC (IATA), **Founder & CEO***

Mar 2025 – Present

The IATA is a non-profit 501(c)(4) organization dedicated to advancing social welfare by supporting law enforcement agencies. The organization encourages and assists these agencies in identifying, funding, and adopting innovative technologies to prevent, deter, and solve crime. Its activities include advising law enforcement on best practices to protect personnel from both physical and psychological harm. The IATA also provides pro bono support to agencies working to solve cold-case homicides.

*Thermo Fisher Scientific, **Senior Law Enforcement Business Development Manager***

Aug 2021 – November 18, 2025

My responsibilities included educating local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies about Rapid DNA and the Thermo Fisher Scientific RapidHIT ID DNA Processing System. I collaborated with channel partners to generate new revenue streams and partnered with marketing and product development to advance strategic initiatives. I consistently exceeded sales goals and key performance indicators. My role also involved meeting directly with state and local police agencies and laboratories to advise on funding opportunities and program implementation.

*SIG Sauer Firearm Company, **Law Enforcement Regional Manager***

Feb 2015 – Aug 2021

Oversaw product demonstrations and direct sales to agencies, including live-fire testing of weapon systems and accessories such as rifle suppressors. Consistently met or exceeded sales goals and objectives. Recognized with the 2017 SIG Sauer Outstanding Achievement Award for achieving the highest suppressor sales to law enforcement agencies. Managed Salesforce (CRM) reporting and conducted territory analysis to identify strategic sales opportunities while staying informed about competitors' products. Prepared quality control forms for warranty claims and worked closely with the Customer Service Division to expedite repairs and orders. Provided product quotations and advised on specific product language for Requests for Bids/Proposals. Coordinated and staffed multi-agency demonstrations and trade shows.

*Santa Ana Police Department, **Deputy Chief, Investigations Bureau***

Jan 2010 – Jul 2012

Directed comprehensive operations for the Crimes Against Property, Crimes Against Persons, and Forensic Sciences Divisions, encompassing units dedicated to investigating burglary, robbery, economic crime, arson, property crimes, child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, missing persons, homicide, cold case investigations, major assaults, gang suppression, crime scene investigation, DNA collection, IBIS firearms identification, and fingerprint analysis.

*Santa Ana Police Department, **Deputy Chief, Field Operations Bureau***

Jan 2008 – Jan 2010

Responsible for managing the Patrol, Animal Services, and Traffic Divisions. Responsibility for SWAT, Directed Patrol, Red Light Camera Enforcement, and K9 Units.

*Santa Ana Police Department, **Deputy Chief, Administration Bureau***

Nov 2006 – Jan 2008

Managed the Human Resources Division, Training Division, Records Section, Communications Division, Evidence Section, and Property and Facilities Division. Responsible for Policy and Procedure authorship and compliance.

*Santa Ana Police Department, **Crimes Against Persons Division Commander, Investigations Bureau***

Feb 2006 – Nov 2006

Commanded personnel assigned to Crimes Against Persons Division with responsibilities for the investigation of homicide, gangs, child abuse, graffiti suppression, missing persons, and domestic violence; Shooting Review Board Chairman with responsibility for formal administrative review and reporting on all Officer-Involved Shootings.

*Santa Ana Police Department, **District Investigations Division Commander, Investigations Bureau***

Dec 2004 – Feb 2006

Led the District Investigations Division, overseeing teams responsible for investigating burglary, auto theft, economic crimes, pawnshop operations, and general property crimes, as well as the Forensic Sciences and Prosecution Units.

*Santa Ana Police Department, **Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team Corporal, Sergeant, and Commander**
June 1987 – Jun 2006*

Demonstrated a progressive increase in responsibility, beginning with crisis negotiations and advancing to special weapons roles. Served as the lead corporal and later as the sergeant team leader of the Precision Marksman Unit (Counter-Sniper) for 14 years. Held secondary responsibilities for perimeter containment, chemical agent, less-lethal deployment, and primary firearms instructor for all SWAT weaponry. Upon promotion to lieutenant, I was appointed SWAT commander, overseeing tactical operations, planning, and deployment. Managed personnel, weapon systems, training, and physical assets required to deploy 37 officers and tactical paramedics from the fire department.

*Santa Ana Police Department, **Special Investigations Division Commander, Investigations Bureau**
Dec 2003 – Dec 2004*

Commanded personnel assigned to the Narcotics, Vice, and Career Criminal Apprehension Team. Managed undercover operations and coordinated special investigations involving narcotics, organized crime, and intelligence gathering.

*Santa Ana Police Department, **Traffic Division Commander, Field Operations Bureau**
Feb 2001 – Dec 2003*

Commanded personnel assigned to the District Investigations Division with responsibilities to investigate burglary, auto theft, economic crimes, pawnshops, and general property crimes; Forensic Sciences Unit and Prosecution Unit.

*Santa Ana Police Department, **Watch Commander, Field Operations Bureau**
Nov 2000 – Feb 2001*

Responsible for patrol sergeants, officers, and civilian personnel assigned to the evening shift. Provided leadership, set standards, directed enforcement efforts, ensured adequate deployment, and completed assigned administrative tasks as required.

*Santa Ana Police Department, **Use of Force Training Sergeant, Administrative Services Bureau**
Nov 1996 – Nov 2000*

Developed and delivered training programs covering pursuit policy, the POST Driver's Awareness Program, firearms, arrest and control tactics, chemical agents, less-lethal (impact and electronic/TASER), and deadly weapons. Reviewed field incidents, developed policies, provided deposition and court testimony, managed budgeting processes, served as an expert witness, and oversaw equipment evaluation, specification, and purchasing. Established and led the Patrol Rifle Deployment Program and Cadre, selecting and training 50 officers, conducting qualifications, and ensuring program compliance.

*Santa Ana Police Department, **Patrol Sergeant, Field Operations Bureau, Southcoast & Westend Districts**
Jul 1992 – Nov 1996*

Supervised officers, coordinated crime scenes and collection of evidence, provided training regarding laws and procedures, media relations, and conducted administrative investigations.

*Santa Ana Police Department, **Tactical Liaison Corporal, Administrative Services Division**
Sep 1991 – Jul 1992*

Assigned to the Orange County Sheriff's Basic Academy. Supervised, evaluated, instructed, and remediated officers from 15 agencies during the six-month POST academy program.

*Santa Ana Police Department, **Corporal, Field Operations Division, Westend Developmental Policing District**
Mar 1990 – Sep 1991*

Field Operations, implementation of Problem-Oriented Policing, and attended community meetings.

*Santa Ana Police Department, **Corporal and Sergeant, Combat Shooting Team, Administrative Services Bureau (Collateral Duty)**
Mar 1987 – Sep 1993*

Served as team captain of an eight-officer rifle, pistol, and shotgun travel team, regularly competing in two matches per month. Achieved Police Olympic medals in 3-Gun, smallbore rifle, and biathlon events. Competed in NRA National Match Course High Power Rifle competitions.

*Santa Ana Police Department, **Patrol Officer & Field Training Officer, Field Operations Division**
Dec 1986 – Nov 2006*

Investigated crimes, prepared reports, effected arrests, and conducted Community Oriented Policing activities; traffic enforcement, court testimony, and instructed, supervised, and evaluated probationary officers assigned to the Field Training Officer Program.

EDUCATION

California State University, Long Beach

Master's Degree • **Emergency Management Services** • Dec 2004 – 2008

Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy (FBINA)

Session #222 • **National Academy Graduate** • Jul 2005 – Sep 2005

University of California at Irvine

Bachelor of Arts • **Social Ecology** • Sep 1978 – Jun 1984

MANAGEMENT & SUPERVISION TRAINING

- *Police Executive Research Forum (PERF)*, 120 hours, Boston College, Boston, Massachusetts.
- *Police K9 Legal Update Seminar*, 8 hours, Terry Fleck, hosted by LA School Police.
- *Law Enforcement Executive Development*, 40 hours, LEEDA-FBI.
- *POST Management Update*, 24 hours, San Diego County Sheriff's Department.
- *Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents (ICS-300)*, 8 hours, FEMA.
- *Role of the Chief of Police*, 24 hours, California Chiefs of Police Association.
- *Command Officers' Response to Terrorism*, 16 hours, Orange County Sheriff's Department.
- *Weapons of Mass Destruction Tactical Commander's Course*, 24 hours, Louisiana State University.
- *Development of a State/Regional WMD Task Force*, 24 Hours, Office of Domestic Preparedness.
- *National Incident Management System*, Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- *Organized Crime, Gang, Criminal Intelligence and Terrorism Training Conference*, 32 hours, California Attorney General's Office
- *Critical Incident Resolution*, 24 hours, Long Beach Police Department.
- *Narcotic Task Force Commander*, 20 hours, BJA, San Diego.
- *Psychological Aspects of the Use of Force*, 8 hours, Riverside Sheriff's Department.
- *Officer-Involved Shootings, Trauma, and Supervisory Response*, 24 hours, CPOA.
- *Tactical Team Development*, 8 hours, H&K International Training Division, Sterling, VA.
- *Post-Traumatic Stress*, 24 hours, Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence.
- *Sergeant's Academy*, 80 hours, Golden West College.

TECHNICAL TRAINING

- *Force Science Institute & Force Science Research Center*, Certification Course, 40 hours, FSI.
- *Advanced Incident Command System (ICS-300)*, 8 hours, Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- *Narcotic Search Warrant Training*, 8 hours, California Narcotics Officers' Association.
- *Counter-Drug International Technology Symposium*, National Drug Information Center.
- *Advanced Sniper Course*, 8 hours, Fullerton College.
- *Heckler & Koch MP5 Sub-machinegun Operator*, 40 hours, H&K International.
- *Urban Patrol Rifle (AR-15)*, 32 hours, Los Angeles Police Department.
- *Advanced Sniper Course*, 8 hours, Fullerton College.
- *TASER Weapons System Recertification*, 8 hours, Tasertron Corporation.
- *Firearms Simulator Training*, 4 hours, West Covina Police Department.
- *Arrest and Control Officer Course*, 40 hours, LAPD.
- *Police Use of Force*, 8 hours, CPOA.
- *Advanced Sniper*, 8 hours, Fullerton College.
- *TASER Instructor Update*, 8 hours, Tasertron Corporation.
- *Special Weapons and Tactics Management*, 24 hours, National Tactical Officers' Association.
- *Hazardous Materials Course*, 8 hours, Criminal Justice Training Center.
- *Riot Control Tactics*, 8 hours, Criminal Justice Training Center.
- *OC Chemical Agent Course*, 2 hours, Santa Ana Police Department.
- *Glock Armorer*, 8 hours, Glock Incorporated.
- *Semi-Automatic Pistol Training*, 24 hours, SD Law Enforcement Training Center.
- *Advanced Shotgun*, 24 hours, Yavapai Firearms Training Academy, Long Beach, CA.

- *Hostage Negotiation*, 24 hours, San Jose State University.
- *Advanced Tactical Handgun*, 48 hours, API (Gunsite), Paulden, Arizona.
- *Terrorism Response*, 40 hours, CSTI, California Office of Emergency Services.
- *SWAT Academy*, 80 hours, Criminal Justice Training Center.
- *Hostage Negotiation*, 24 hours, San Jose State University.
- *Basic Hostage Negotiation*, 32 hours, San Jose State University.
- *Homicide Investigations*, 15 hours, National Law Enforcement Institute.

INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATES

- SIG Academy Master Pistol Instructor.
- SIG Academy Master Rifle Instructor.
- SIG Academy Classic Line Pistol Armorer.
- SIG Academy MPX Sub Gun Armorer.
- SIG Academy P320 Armorer.
- SIG Academy P365 Armorer.
- SIG Academy M400 Armorer.
- Academy Instructor Certification Course, California POST.
- Immediate Deployment/Rapid Intervention Instructor, National Tactical Officers' Association.
- Remington 870 Shotgun and M700 Rifle Armorer, Remington Arms Company.
- Monadnock Expandable Baton Instructor, PR-24 Training Council.
- Heckler & Koch MP5 Submachine Gun Instructor, H&K International.
- Police Firearms Instructor, National Rifle Association.
- Ruger PC4 Carbine Armorer, Sturm Ruger & Company.
- Weapon Retention & Disarming Instructor, PPCT Management Systems.
- Glock Armorer, Glock Incorporated.
- Glock Weapon Instructor, Glock Incorporated.
- Spontaneous Knife Defense Instructor, PPCT Management Systems.
- Survival Skills Instructor, HTS-Point Blank Corporation.
- Sudden Custody Death Syndrome Instructor, RIPP Restraints, Inc.
- TASER Instructor, Scottsdale, AZ
- TASER Weapons System Instructor, TASER Systems, Inc., Predecessor to TASER
- Los Angeles Police Department Arrest and Control Instructor, Los Angeles Police Department.
- Chemical Agents/Less Lethal Instructor, Defense Technology Corporation.
- Monadnock PR-24 Baton Instructor, PR-24 Training Council.
- Chemical Agents Instructor, State of California, POST.
- ASP Expandable Baton Instructor, Armament Systems and Procedures, Incorporated.
- Federal Bureau of Investigation Defensive Tactics Instructor, FBI Los Angeles Office.
- Colt 1911 and M4/AR-15 Law Enforcement Armorer, Colt Manufacturing Company.
- Distraction Device Instructor, Defense Technology Corporation.
- Firearms Instructor, Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- Driver Awareness Instructor, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.
- Community College Lifetime Instructor Credential, California Community College Board of Governors.

POLICE OFFICERS STANDARDS AND TRAINING (POST) – SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT

- Urban and Rural Car Stop Telecourse.
- Special Weapons and Tactics Academy Curriculum Development Committee.
- Perishable Skills Simulator Working Group.

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

- "The Sound of Silence: The Law Enforcement Guide to Rifle Suppressor Technology." In progress.
- Police One: "Suppressors and the hidden cost of hearing loss in policing." March 19, 2026.
- Police One: "High-profile arrests leave no room for error." February 23, 2026.
- Police One: "Solving the problem of the missed collection of lawfully owed DNA." December 16, 2025.
- Police One: "The DNA failure that's letting predators slip through the cracks." June 19, 2025.