

Curricula Vita

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Active as an emergency service volunteer since 1969. Extensive experience with the American Red Cross, Civil Air Patrol, State Military Reserve, Office of Emergency Services, and the Saddleback Search and Rescue Team, Inc.

American Red Cross

Disaster volunteer with the American Red Cross since 1971. Presently Disaster Assessment Function Lead with the Oregon Trail Chapter in Portland Oregon. Responsible for Disaster Assessment planning and operations. Serves as a member of the senior Disaster Services leadership with the Chapter and member of the Chapter Emergency Services and Transportation Committee. Prepares and presents briefings to staff and volunteers. Previously Disaster Vice Chairman, for Operations for the Rio Hondo Chapter located in eastern Los Angeles County, California. Since 1991, held the positions of Chief of Information/Planning and Chairman of Disaster Volunteers.. Held job director assignments for several level two disaster operations at Rio Hondo. Serves as Duty Chief and Disaster Duty Officer supervising the Chapter's Emergency Response Team operations. Function as a Disaster Services trainer conducting six to ten courses annually. Develops and presents special topic workshops four to six times per year to disaster volunteers. Presently a member of the national organization Disaster Human Resource System since 1977 as a Damage Assessment Coordinator. Served on several national level assignments including Hurricane Iniki in Kauai and the Northridge Earthquake.

From 1971 until 1991, affiliated with the Orange County California Chapter. Held several leadership positions with Orange County. Served since 1971 as a DAT (Disaster Action Team) responder. Leadership positions have included,, Vice Chairman for Training, Chief Damage Assessment Officer, and Chairman Damage Assessment. Served as the lead disaster trainer conducting about 15 to 20 courses annually. Served as the field supervisor or job director on a number of disasters over the years including numerous wildland fires, structure fires, landslides, and disaster exercises. Taught First Aid and CPR from 1971 through 1991.

Accomplishments Include:

- Developed the Disaster Assessment Function section of the Oregon Trail Chapter disaster plan.
- Flood planning contributor for Los Angeles River/ El Nino flood planning effort
- Complete rewrite of the Rio Hondo Chapter Disaster Plan
- Developed numerous workshops and special training exercises
- Development of visual aids for Disaster Damage Assessment I, Mass Care I, Introduction to Disaster, Introduction to DAT, and several DAT special courses
- Development of a suite of communications training courses
- Establishment of the Orange County District system
- 1st Orange County volunteer to go on a national disaster assignment
- Detailed planning for Damage Assessment management and operations for the Orange County Chapter
- Development of operational management forms for DAT and Damage Assessment

Civil Air Patrol (CAP)

Member of CAP since 1976. with the rank of Major. Currently the Deputy Commander for Seniors of the Washington County Composite Squadron in Hillsboro Oregon. Responsible for the management of the Senior member program for the squadron. Previously was the Oregon Wing Emergency Services Officer. As the Wing ES Officer, responsible for the management of Search and Rescue (SAR), Homeland Defense and disaster relief operations throughout Oregon. Previous positions with Oregon Wing include Chief of Staff and Director of Communications. As the Director of Communications, responsible for all communications and information technology for the ing which includes all units within the state of Oregon. Previously a member of the Metropolitan Senior Squadron in Portland Oregon. Assigned as the unit Communications Director and the Public Affairs Officer. Previously assigned to the California Wing Ground Operations section as Information Technology

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Officer. Senior Ground Branch Director for the Oregon Wing managing ground SAR activities within Oregon. Additional projects include assisting with the deployment of the Mission Management Utility and the Wing Management Utility computerization project within Pacific Region of CAP. Also participated in the California Wing Ground SAR revitalization project with training, planning and the integration of the NASAR SARTECH training program. Emergency Services search and rescue ratings are Incident Commander, Agency Liaison, Ground Team Leader, Ground Branch Director and Mission Observer. As an Incident Commander, responsible for managing the execution of a SAR or DR mission. As a Ground Team Leader performs duties of a SAR crew leader and field Incident Commander for both urban and wildland CAP SAR operations in California and Oregon.

Supervisory and command positions within CAP include: Deputy Commander for Seniors, Oregon Wing Chief of Staff, Emergency Services Officer and Director of Communications; California Wing, Group 15 Emergency Services Officer, Commander and Deputy Commander of Squadron 88, California Wing Deputy Ground Operations Officer-South, Special Advisor to the Director of Operations, and California Wing Red Cross Liaison Officer-South. Served as the CAP Incident Commander (IC) on numerous search missions, SAR training exercises, and disaster relief exercises. Involved in thousands of hours in mission and training field assignments. Participated as an instructor in many local and state-wide CAP SAR training programs including both classroom and field conditions.

Accomplishments include

- Three distress finds
- Oregon Wing ES Program recognized as the best in Pacific Region during tenure as ES Officer
- Development of Urban ELT DF Training Program for Oregon Wing
- Development of the Ground Team Training Program for California Wing
- Outstanding rating as the Logistics Chief on a USAF evaluated SAR exercise
- Outstanding rating as RADEAF Officer on USAF evaluated CD exercises
- Developed first computerized California Wing CAP search management program, MOSES
- Development of operational management forms for Ground operations
- Developed ground SAR standard procedures

State Military Reserve (SMR)

Served in the California State Military Reserve from 1980 until 1986. Initially commissioned as a Captain and subsequently promoted to rank of Major. Member of the cadre staff that developed the California Medical Reserve of the SMR which then became the 1st Medical Brigade SMR. In the 1st Medical Brigade Served as Deputy Operations Officer (S-3), Operations Officer (S-3) and the Administration and Personnel Officer (S-1). Served as the Medical Statistics Officer for the 40th Division (Mech) during AT 83 (annual training 1983). During AT 85 and AT 86 assigned as a PAO with the 40th Division. Commanded AT physical exam station operations in 1986. Participated in supervisory capacities in numerous military and disaster relief exercises.

Accomplishments include

- Development and successful management of the California National Guard Physical Exam Station (PES) program. PES was designed to provide retention physicals to CALNG personnel during weekend drills and Annual Training (AT). Served as the Officer in Charge (OIC) for PES. Decorated twice by the State of California for this highly successful PES program.
- Development of all SOPs for the Brigade
- Supervised medical professional and ancillary personnel in clinic and field operations
- Detachment commander of the 1st Medical Brigade detachment assigned during AT84, AT85 & AT86.
- Deputy task force commander for all SMR personnel at AT85 and AT86
- Developed State-wide planning documents for SMR medical operations in the event of a major disaster

Office of Emergency Services (OES)

During the 70s and early 80s, served in several capacities involved with OES on the local (Orange County) level. This included involvement with the Radiological Defense Officers Association and the Southern California

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Emergency Services Associations. Attended numerous training programs and was a state certified RADEAF officer. Advised the Orange County OES and a number of subjects as requested.

Saddleback Search and Rescue Team, Inc. (SSART)

Co-founder and member of the initial board of directors of SSART in 1975. SSART was a mountain search and rescue team and Mountain Rescue Association (MRA) associate member. SSART operations included rock rescue and high angle evacuation, all weather ground search, helicopter operations and backcountry medical treatment and evacuation. Served in all of officer capacities and was on the Board of Directors continuously from 1975 until 1986. Directed SSART field operations as the Team Operations Leader. Developed and conducted comprehensive specialized training for SSART members. Served as both editor and major contributor to the SSART Training Manual which was a comprehensive SAR training guide covering all aspects of SAR training and technology at the time. Developed and conducted public courses in mountain safety and survival as part of the SSART public outreach program.

Accomplishments include:

- Development of the comprehensive SSART training manual
- First Mountain Rescue Association (MRA) certified OL for search operations
- Taught man-tracking and other SAR techniques
- Lead SSART to achieve Associate members in the MRA
- Developed all SSART SOPs
- Developed pager alert system

Additional Information

Search and Rescue Institute - Founding board member of the Search and Rescue Institute, a non-profit corporation dedicated to providing SAR, survival and disaster preparedness training to the public and professional/volunteer SAR personnel.

Reserve Deputy Coroner, Los Angeles County, California – From 1983 to 1987 consulted with the Los Angeles County Office of Coroner and Chief Medical Examiner for disaster planning, information technology assessment and field recovery procedures. Coordinated activities of the joint SMR/Coroner Mortality Management Unit.