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Summary of Expertise

Commercial Vehicle Expert – formally trained by SEAK in expert witness practice – with over a decade of firsthand tractor-trailer driving experience and nearly 1.3 million accident-free miles driven.

Since 2018, I have served as technical advisor to drivers, fleet managers, and other professionals in navigating regulatory compliance, performing safety inspections, and conducting thorough investigations into commercial vehicle accidents. My experience includes investigations of tractor/trailer coupling failures and accidents related to winter driving hazards. Currently operating commercial vehicles and maintaining an active presence on the road ensures my expertise remains relevant with the evolving road infrastructure, vehicle technologies, and transportation industry.

Core areas of expertise include:

- Standard of care for commercial vehicle operation.
- Vehicle safety inspection.
- Load securement.
- Flatbed, dry-bulk, tanker, dump trailer, dry van, and temperature-controlled operations.
- Hazardous material handling and transportation.
- Department of Transportation (DOT) and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) regulations.

Professional license: Unrestricted Virginia Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) with T (double & triple), X (tanker & hazardous materials) endorsements.

Professional certificates: 28 Training Certificates related to DOT and FMCSA regulations, hazardous materials handling and transportation, vehicle inspection and safe vehicle operation.

Formal Education: Diploma in Informatics & Statistics: “Abacus” program, Italian State Industrial Technical Institute.

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CORE AREAS OF EXPERTISE

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

- 1) **Department of Transportation (DOT) Part 40:** Procedures for transportation workplace drug and alcohol testing programs.
- 2) **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Regulations:** Parts 380, 382, 383, 387, 390, 391, 392, 393, 395, 396 and 399.
- 3) **Compliance audits:** Driver's fitness and Hour of Service (HOS) regulatory compliance.
- 4) **Route analysis:** Commercial vehicles route compliance and restricted route violations.
- 5) **Load standards:** Weight, size, and bridge law compliance; oversize loads regulations.

VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION

- 1) **Standardized inspections:** General vehicle pre-trip and post-trip inspections.
- 2) **Braking systems:** Inspection of air brakes systems (drum and disc type), and ABS components.
- 3) **Coupling mechanisms:** Fifth wheel locking and sliding mechanisms.
- 4) **Specialized units:** Inspection protocols for tankers (including Hazmat/liquid asphalt), pneumatic dry-bulk tankers, flatbeds, dump trailers, and temperature controlled trailers.
- 5) **Multi-trailer equipment:** Inspection of converter dollies used in double and triple tractor-trailer configurations.

LOAD SECUREMENT

- 1) **Tanker operations:** Cargo securement protocols for both dry-bulk and liquid tankers.
- 2) **Open and enclosed trailers:** Cargo securement protocols for flatbeds and box trailers.

OPERATIONAL SAFETY

1) Tractor-trailer coupling and uncoupling

- Trailer setup, positioning and high-hitching prevention.
- Coupling verification.
- Air and electrical lines connection.

2) Environmental and weather hazards

- Extreme weather: safe operation of commercial vehicles in heavy rain, high wind, snow and ice conditions.
- Night driving: risk management for low-visibility operations and driver fatigue.
- Mountain driving techniques: grade assessment and speed management, brake fade prevention, and emergency use of runaway truck ramp.

3) Defensive driving and hazard awareness

- Collision avoidance, space management and application of Smith System® techniques.
- Blind-spot hazard mitigation through effective adjustment and use of mirrors and scanning techniques.
- Emergency maneuvers, skid prevention, recovery, and emergency braking techniques.
- Driving techniques for high center of gravity vehicles, and rollover prevention.

4) Tanker operations

- Surge control: management of liquid cargo slosh and surge effects while cornering and braking.
- Product loading and unloading safety procedures: standard of care for pressurized unloading, venting protocols, vacuum implosion prevention, and grounding procedure for flammable materials.

5) Loading dock and terminal safety

- Maneuvering safety: standard of care for navigating in congested terminal and warehouse environments, and safe backing procedures.
- Pedestrian protection: hazard mitigation procedures for vehicles operating in environments shared with pedestrians.

EMPLOYMENT

1) 11/2016 – Present

Army and Air Force Exchange Service – Newport News, VA.

Regional & short haul tractor-trailer operator (dry-vans & temperature controlled).

Certificates:

Professional Development Associates – Professional Truck Driver II.

Awards:

- 100k, 250k, 500k and 750k “Accident-Free Exchange Safe Driving Miles”.
- “Make it Better” award.
- “Appreciation” award for outstanding customer service.
- 1-year and 5-year “Service Milestone” award.

Additional duties: Commercial Vehicle Operator subject matter expert.

- Serving as technical advisor for internal truck accident investigations, providing expert analysis on mechanical failures, operator conduct, and applicable state and federal regulations compliance.

2) 04/2016 – 09/2016 & 03/2017 – 10/2017

Heartland Express Inc. – North Liberty, IA

Long haul tractor-trailer operator (dry-vans).

3) 10/2016 – 02/2017

ATCO Hauling Inc. – Chesapeake, VA.

Local tractor-trailer operator (tanker & dump trailers).

Specialized training:

- Dump trailer safety inspection and operation.

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- Dump trailer rollover prevention during unloading operation.
 - Road construction hazard awareness.
 - Tanker trailer inspection and operation.
 - Liquid load transportation and load surge prevention.
 - Vacuum implosion prevention in tanker trailers.
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4) 03/2015 – 03/2016

North American Bulk Transport Inc. (Tankstar USA Inc.) – Virginia Beach, VA.

Regional & short haul tractor-trailer operator (dry-bulk pneumatic trailers).

Specialized training:

- Pneumatic trailer inspection, operation, and pressurized vessel hazard awareness.
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5) 11/2014 – 02/2015

Melton Truck Lines Inc. – Tulsa, OK.

Long haul tractor-trailer operator (flatbed).

Specialized training:

- Cargo securement: coils, beams, machinery, vehicles and irregular shaped commodities.
 - Flatbed operation and tarping hazard awareness.
 - Road construction hazard awareness.
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6) 09/2014 – 10/2014

Advance Technology Institute (ATI) – Virginia Beach, VA.

Commercial Class A tractor-trailer student.

Awards:

- Perfect Attendance.
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7) 05/2013 – 06/2014

Holloman Inn – Holloman Air Force Base, NM.

Laborer – ground maintenance worker.

Certificates:

- **American & Lodging Educational Institute** – Certified Public Space Cleaner.

Awards:

- 2 times “Star Performer” award.
- “Honorable Mention” award.

8) 07/2013 – 12/2013

Coca Cola Refreshments (now Southwest Beverages) – El Paso, TX.

Merchandiser.

9) 09/2001 – 12/2012

Independent Software and Database Developer – Vincenzo Anastasi – Italy.

System Architect: Designed and coded custom Industrial Manufacturing and Warehouse Management Systems (WMS), and billing software.

Technical Stack: Expert-level Microsoft Visual Basic and MS SQL database design.

10) 05/24/2000 – 03/21/2001 (Honorably discharged after the completion of the draft period).

Ministry of Defense – Army Battalion – 60th Infantry “Col di Lana” – Italy.

Corporal – Specialization: Control Operator.

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP & AFFILIATIONS

11) 02/2018 – Present

National Association of Government Employees (NAGE) – Newport News, VA.

08/2022 – Present – Executive Vice President (elected to 2nd term through 2028).

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- Overseeing strategic planning and member advocacy.
- Navigating complex regulatory and labor environments.
- Conducting regulatory compliance audits and report writing.
- Investigating accidents and incidents.
- Applying mitigation and deescalation techniques to resolve conflicts and disputes.
- Representing employees in high-stakes employee-management disputes.
- Conducting grievance and arbitration procedures.
- Serving as chief negotiator during the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiation.

03/2019 – 10/2022 – Steward

- Investigated accidents and incidents.
- Conducted the preliminary stage of grievances.
- Represented employees in employee-management meetings.

FORMAL TRAINING & CERTIFICATES

1) 03/29/2026

Expert Witness Training: “How to Start, Build and Run a Successful Expert Witness Practice”
– SEAK Inc.

2) 01/18/2026

1. **DOT: Reasonable Suspicion (Drug and Alcohol Awareness)** – AAFES.
2. **DOT: Cross-border Requirements (US and Canada)** – AAFES.
3. **DOT: Drug and Alcohol Regulation Awareness for CDL Employees** – AAFES.

3) 01/10/2026

1. **DOT: Drug and Alcohol Regulation Awareness for CDL Employees** – AAFES.

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2. **DOT: Inspections** – AAFES.
 3. **DOT: Air Brakes** – AAFES.
 4. **Trailer Coupling and Uncoupling** – AAFES.
 5. **Safe Backing of Tractor-Trailers** – AAFES.
 6. **Loading Dock Safety** – AAFES.
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4) 01/07/2026

1. **Hazardous Weather Driving for Commercial Vehicle Operators** – AAFES.
 2. **Flatbed Cargo Securement** – AAFES.
 3. **Ergonomics and Injury Prevention for Commercial Vehicle Operators** – AAFES.
 4. **Defensive Driving: Truck Safety** – AAFES.
 5. **Hazardous Materials: Shipping Small Quantities of Hazardous Materials** – AAFES.
 6. **Materials of Trade** – AAFES.
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5) 01/03/2026

1. **Hazardous Materials: Shipping Lithium Batteries under DOT Exceptions via Highway** – AAFES.
 2. **Negotiating Hazards for Commercial Vehicles** – AAFES.
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6) 01/02/2026

1. **Accident Procedures Involving Large Vehicles** – AAFES.
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7) 12/30/2025

1. **DOT: Hours of Service** – AAFES.
2. **DOT: Hazardous Materials: Shipping Infectious Substances** – AAFES.
3. **DOT: Security for Shipment of Hazardous Materials** – AAFES.
4. **DOT General Awareness** – AAFES.
5. **DOT 1: Introduction, Classification, and the Hazardous Materials** – AAFES.
6. **DOT 2: Packaging, Labeling, Marking, and Placarding** – AAFES.
7. **DOT 3: Shipping Papers** – AAFES.
8. **DOT 4: Loading and Storage** – AAFES.

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8) 12/18/2025

1. **DOT: CSA Fundamentals** – AAFES.

9) 11/29/2017

1. **Professional Truck Driver II (DDC-PTD)** – Professional Development Associates – PDASA.

10) 10/24/2014

1. **Tractor Trailer Driving** – Advanced Technology Institute.

11) 10/02/2013

1. **Certified Public Space Cleaner** – American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute.

FORMAL EDUCATION & LICENSURE

1) 10/2014 – Present

Virginia Commercial Driver's License (CDL) – Unrestricted.

Endorsements: T (double & triple), X (tanker & Hazardous Material).

2) 09/2010

English Language Proficiency: ESOL Grade 7, London Trinity College.

3) 07/2000

Diploma – Control Operator: Ministry of Defense – Italy.

4) 1994 – 1999

Diploma in Informatics & Statistics: “Abacus” program, Italian State Industrial Technical Institute.

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INVESTIGATIVE RESEARCH

Author: “Critical Safety Inspection Protocols for Fontaine Fifth Wheel” published on the NAGE local Union R4-117 website (www.dddc-union.com).

- Identified a critical tractor-trailer coupling failure – observed on trucks equipped with Fontaine Fifth Wheel – which occurred even though the operator followed the standard DOT inspection procedures.
- Developed a specific verification protocol for drivers to ensure a positive lock.

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