

MICHAEL J. MAHONEY

Michael Mahoney was a Police Officer with the San Francisco Police Department for 31 years until his retirement in February, 2008. From 1977 until 1990, he was a patrol officer, field training officer and Specialist team member, (sharpshooter). In 1990, he was promoted to the rank of Inspector and assigned to the Investigations Division of the Police Department. He was assigned to the Hit and Run Detail and charged with the investigation of traffic collisions involving fatalities, both personal injury and property damage hit and run traffic collisions, police pursuit incidents, Code 3 driving collisions and other traffic related incidents. He has completed a variety of accident investigation related courses through the State of California - Peace Officer Standards and Training Department.

In April, 2004, Inspector Mahoney was transferred to the Homicide Detail where he conducted investigations relating to homicides, suspicious deaths, officer-involved shooting incidents and in-custody deaths. In February, 2008, Mr. Mahoney retired from the San Francisco Police Department and obtained his Private Investigator's License from the State of California. Since that time, he has been retained numerous times to conduct investigations for a variety of matters relating to injury and death cases, both automotive related as well as incidents of a suspicious nature.

Mr. Mahoney has successfully completed both the "Basic" and "Advanced" Traffic Collision Reconstruction Courses of study and is recognized nationally as an expert in the fields of Accident Investigation and Traffic Collision Reconstruction. He has completed course work in "Grade Crossing Collision Investigations" involving **Train Accidents** and "Drowning Death Investigations" and was recognized as the Police Department's primary investigator for collisions that occur on the rail lines in San Francisco as well as collision investigations and related investigations of boating and shipping incidents that occur within the Waters of San Francisco Bay.

As a result of the traffic related investigations that he was charged to perform, Mr. Mahoney assumed the duties related to conducting Hazardous Materials / Hazardous Waste investigations for both "Vehicles in Transport" and for "Fixed Facility Sites". In 1995, he was special assigned to the "Office of the District Attorney - Special Prosecutions Unit", for a period of one year where he formed the Environmental Crimes Investigations Unit. In 1996, this unit was transferred to and placed under the line authority of the "Hit and Run Detail" of the Police Department where it was investigating cases involving the illegal transportation, storage and disposal of Hazardous Materials and Hazardous Wastes until 2008.

Mr. Mahoney also became a State Certified Instructor in the “Hazardous Materials - First Responder Awareness and First Responder Operations” Courses, in which he has taught members of the San Francisco Police Department, San Francisco Sheriff’s Department, San Francisco Fire Department and San Francisco Department of Public Health, as well as Police Agencies from the surrounding Bay Area Departments and Emergency Responders for AT&T and PG&E in the proper response procedures of a “Haz - Mat” incident. The components of these courses have included the proper response procedures for an “NBC” (Nuclear, Biological or Chemical), terrorist incident release of material.

In response to the “September 11th, 2001” terrorist attacks that occurred in New York City and Washington D.C., Mr. Mahoney was assigned to the Terrorist Investigation Unit of the San Francisco Police Department and was further assigned to instruct the members of the San Francisco Police Department and San Francisco Fire Department in the current policies and procedures to follow when confronted with an “NBC” type of attack. Until his retirement, Mr. Mahoney was a designated “First Responder” and investigator for “WMD”, (Weapons of Mass Destruction), incidents that occur in San Francisco.

Mr. Mahoney has qualified and testified as an expert in the fields of accident investigation and traffic collision reconstruction in all of the Bay Area County Courts, as well as in Stanislaus County, Merced County, Monterey County, Placer County and in Clark County, Nevada. He has conducted in excess of 1500 traffic collision reconstructions and is classified as a “Collision Reconstruction Expert” by the San Francisco District Attorney’s Office. He has also been an instructor at the San Francisco Police Academy where he instructed officers in Accident Investigation, (Mathematics and Damage Analysis components), as well as instructed officers in “Hazardous Materials” and “Weapons of Mass Destruction”, response and investigation techniques.

Mr. Mahoney is a member of :

The National Association of Traffic Accident Reconstructionists and Investigators,
The Southwest Association of Traffic Accident Investigators,
The Society of Accident Reconstructionists,
The California Association of Accident Reconstruction Specialists,
The California Homicide Investigators Association
The Society of Automotive Engineers
The Northern California Fraud Investigators Association