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A. Research Interest

My research applies firsthand emergency response experience to guide leadership decisions that enhance operational effectiveness. I identify gaps in coordination and communication to strengthen agency response across all levels.

B. Education

M.S. Fire and Emergency Management Administration, Oklahoma State University, 2009

B.A. Fire Service Management Western Illinois University, 2004

A.A.S. Fire Science, San Antonio College, 2001

C. Teaching Experience

Training Director, Farrwest 2011-Present

Adjunct Faculty, Texas A&M University-San Antonio 2015-Present

Adjunct Faculty, San Antonio College 2003-2019

Instructor II, Texas Commission on Fire Protection 1998-2019

Instructor II, State Firemen's & Fire Marshals' Association of Texas 1998-2019

Instructor, U.S. Army 1988-1998

D. Presentations Last 5 Years

Invited lecturer at the following practitioner conferences:

International Association of Fire Chiefs Hazmat Conference, Baltimore, June 2026

INDOPACOM Military Conference Joint Base Pearl Harbor June 2024

Midwest Hazmat Conference, Chicago, May 2024

Warrior West Military Conference, San Diego, April 2024

MABAS Hazmat Conference, Chicago, Feb 2024

Hotzone Conference, Houston, Oct 2023

Warrior East Military Conference, Virginia Beach, June 2023

International Association of Fire Chiefs Hazmat Conference, Baltimore, June 2023

Midwest Hazmat Conference, Chicago, May 2023

Warrior West Military Conference, San Diego, April 2023

Oklahoma Hazmat Conference, March 2023
MABAS Hazmat Conference, Chicago, Feb 2023
Hotzone Conference, Houston, October 2022
Aberdeen Proving Grounds Conference, Sept 2022
Warrior East Military Conference, Virginia Beach, June 2022
International Association of Fire Chiefs Hazmat Conference, Baltimore, June 2022
Warrior West Military Conference, San Diego, April 2022
Michigan Hazmat Conference, April 2022
Hotzone Conference, Houston, October 2021

E. Relevant Professional Experience

Training Director, Farrwest Environmental & CBRN Training 2011-Present
Adjunct Faculty, Texas A&M University-San Antonio 2015-Present
Coordinator, Fire Science Degree Program, San Antonio College 2012-2018
Coordinator, Homeland Security Degree Program, San Antonio College 2012-2014
Hazardous Materials Response Team, San Antonio Fire Department 1998-2019
U.S. Army Nuclear, Biological, & Chemical Non-Commissioned Officer 1988-1998

F. Awards & Honors

Military awards include the Army Commendation Medal (4th Award), Army Achievement Medal (7th Award), Army Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award), National Defense Service Medal (w/Star), Korean Defense Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Adjutant General's Individual Award (Texas)

G. References

Available Upon Request