

## Kris R. Merithew

Kris is a NC Certified Criminal Justice Instructor with the C.A.L.E.A. accredited N.C. Justice Academy, a division of the Office of the N.C. Attorney General. His main responsibilities, as a subject matter expert, include developing and delivery of course materials for Advanced Traffic Crash Investigation, Traffic Crash Reconstruction, Pedestrian Strike Analysis and Motorcycle Crash Reconstruction. Additionally, he Serves as the Project Director for the NC Governor's Highway Safety Program. Kris is frequently consulted for expert analysis by both highway safety enforcement agencies and Prosecutors throughout the state for technical assistance with resolving highway fatality investigations and prosecutions.

Having started his career in campus law enforcement at Pfeiffer University, where he advanced through the ranks, attaining the position of Chief, Kris has served 25+ years as a sworn N.C. law Enforcement Officer. Kris retains his status as a sworn officer with the Nags Head N.C. Police Department, where assignments included community policing, traffic enforcement, bike patrol, Traffic Crash Reconstructionist, and Field Training Officer.

In April, 2003 Kris received a Life Saving Commendation from the Town of Nags Head, leading to his being honored as the Officer of the Year for 2003. He has received the prestigious Advanced Law Enforcement Certification through the N.C. Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission, in November 2004. Kris also received the Thad B. Wester Award, for his work with the Healthy Carolinians Traffic Injury Reduction Task Force.

Kris is certified by the U.S. Department of Justice, as a Mobile Video Instructor; achieved N. C. certification as a Chemical Analyst and is a member of the NC Traffic Law Forum. Kris also maintains membership in the International Network of Crash Reconstructionists. Kris serves on the editorial review board for the Crash Reconstruction Journal of NC.

Kris is a graduate of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Professional Development Program. He has also completed the acclaimed Interaction Management Program.

## Bio

Kris has been involved with training programs at several N.C. Community Colleges, serves as an Adjunct Instructor for the NC State Highway Patrol, oversees training programs conducted in conjunction with the U.S Marine Corps' Provost Marshall's Office. He has provided technical assistance to the National Park Service, N.C. Operation Lifesaver and the NC Institute for Traffic Research and Education.

Kris was instrumental in developing the innovative Civilian Crash Investigator training program for the Fayetteville PD. This program utilizes part-time, non-sworn investigators, to document incidents where a sworn officer is not necessary. This allows police administration to task sworn law enforcement manpower with higher priority cases.

Kris has presented at both state and national conferences, delivering informative sessions on topics as diverse as "Traffic Enforcement Involving Returning Vets" and Administrative Investigation of Officer Involved Crashes".

Kris' current research projects involve the effects of introducing autonomous vehicles into the highway safety spectrum. The ramifications of innovation on highway safety agencies as well as the general public are the main focus.

He is a proud charter member and Past Vice-President, Fraternal Order of Police - Outer Banks Lodge #71.