



**PETER A. PHILBRICK SR., CDS, CDT**

**COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SAFETY SPECIALIST  
CERTIFIED DIRECTOR OF SAFETY  
CERTIFIED DRIVER TRAINER**

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## **CURRENT EMPLOYMENT**

**Ruhl Forensic, Inc.**, since March 2007

Experienced professional commercial vehicle driver and safety manager with hands-on experience in the recruitment, training, monitoring and control of drivers; FMCSR compliance and compliance reviews; and truck company management policies and procedures. Provides consulting in the following areas:

- Driver training, qualification and retention
- Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration compliance reviews
- Inspection and routine maintenance of tractor-trailer systems including ECM's, satellite tracking systems, tires and wheels, suspension and electrical systems
- Operation and maintenance of tractor-trailer brake systems
- Truck company management policies and procedures
- Risk management and loss control
- Loading and unloading procedures
- Forklift operation, certification and accident investigation

## **PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT**

Professional commercial vehicle driver from 1966 to 1997, with over three million accident free miles. Selected to the American Trucking Associations' America's Road Team in 1996. Driving experience includes all configurations of tractor-trailers, straight trucks and dump trucks, including low bed construction equipment trailer, construction dump trailer, oil, gas and propane tankers, self-unloading bulk trailer, dry vans, refrigerated trailers, multi-compartment refrigerated trailers and flatbeds. Experienced in the use of several types of forklifts in a wide range of loading and unloading environments.

**Commercial Vehicle Investigations, Inc.**, Dec. 2004-March 2007

- Safety Investigator, Commercial Vehicle Safety Specialist
- Commercial vehicle accident investigation
- Truck driver actions, reactions, responsibilities, qualifications, training, compliance and safety
- Operation, repair and maintenance of tractor-trailer air brake systems
- Maintenance and mechanical issues regarding tractor-trailer operations including ECM operations, satellite tracking systems, drivetrain issues, tires and wheels, suspension and electrical systems
- Truck company management policies and procedures
- Risk management and loss control
- Compliance with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration regulations
- Forklift operation, certification and accident investigation

Commercial Carrier Corporation, Jan 2005 – August 2006

West Central Florida Field Recruiter

Recruited and screened applications for Class A tractor-trailer drivers and tractor-trailer mechanics.

Trained and certified company mechanics and shop personnel in the safe operation of powered industrial trucks.

Trained company trainers to train forklift operators.

Assisted in presenting OSHA courses and spill prevention courses to terminal personnel throughout Florida and Georgia.

Commercial Vehicle Forensic Investigation, Inc., September 2003-November, 2004

Commercial Vehicle Safety Specialist, Safety investigator

Commercial vehicle accident investigation

Truck driver actions, reactions, responsibilities, qualifications, training, compliance and safety.

Operation and maintenance of tractor-trailer air brake systems

Maintenance and mechanical issues regarding tractor-trailer operations including ECM operations, satellite tracking systems, tires and wheels, suspension and electrical systems

Truck company management policies and procedures

Risk management and loss control

Compliance with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration regulations.

Forklift operation, certification and accident investigation

Ruhl Forensic, Inc., March 2002-August 2003

Truck Company Management Specialist, Certified Director of Safety

Truck company management policies and procedures

Risk management, compliance and safety

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration compliance reviews

Consultant on truck driver actions, reactions, responsibilities, qualifications, training, compliance and safety

Operation and maintenance of tractor-trailer brake systems

Commercial vehicle accident investigator

Forklift operation, certification and accident investigation

Performance Food Group, December 2000-March 2002

Transportation Manager

Managed 100+ driver transportation department

Oversaw all aspects of a 56-power unit transportation department

Responsible for all DOT regulations including drug testing and hours of service

Conducted company safety meetings

Risk management, accident prevention

Trained drivers in Smith System Driver improvement system

Managed budget, routing, schedules, tractor assignments, deliveries, maintenance and equipment purchases

Certified Safety Services, March 2000-December 2000

Safety Engineer

Performed safety and compliance audits for trucking companies of all sizes

Conducted safety meetings and logbook classes for drivers and management

Specialized in all aspects of DOT compliance issues including drug testing and training

Worked with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in conducting compliance reviews

John Deere Transportation Insurance, July 1997-March 2000  
(purchased by Sentry Insurance)

Safety Engineer

Provided specialized safety and loss control consulting to insured trucking companies relating to all areas of the federal motor carrier safety regulations

Presented safety training seminars to invited trucking company personnel

Conducted company safety meetings

Developed and implemented complete safety programs that included driver hiring and retention, company safety manuals and operation manuals

Communicated with underwriting, claims and marketing departments in order to reach the shared goal of reducing accidents and claims

Hannaford Trucking Company, October 1983-July 1997

Professional Driver, Safety Team Manager and Driver Trainer

Accomplished 3 million lifetime accident free miles

Awarded the prestigious ATA million-mile award

Managed an eight-member safety team and accident review board for a force of 150 drivers

Presented quarterly safety meetings and yearly safety awards banquets

Designed a pre-trip and post-trip inspection area that improved efficiency by reducing departure delays and on the road compliance problems

Eagle Transport Company, June 1975-October 1983

Owner/Operator, Business Manager

Responsible for DOT compliance for a small trucking company

Responsible for financial management of a small trucking company

Owned and operated a high cube dump trailer and walking floor trailer

Hauled flat bed trailers, bulk tankers, van and refrigerated trailers

Milne Enterprises, October 1971-June 1975

Professional Driver, Safety Coordinator

Responsible for logbook training and DOT compliance for the company

Transported petroleum products throughout New England in single and multi-compartment tankers and box trailers

Watkins Construction Company, May 1971-October 1971

Professional Driver

Transported construction equipment to and from job sites during a major road building project in New England using a low bed trailer

Kennebunkport Village Fire Department, 1964-2000

Deputy Chief, 1970-1976

Voluntary Member, 1964-2000.

Trained drivers in driving fire trucks. Safety training for ambulance drivers, backing up with mirrors, high speed driving, collision avoidance

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Maine State Police, 1970-1983

Reserve Officer

Patrol duties, heavy vehicle accidents, driver issues, consulting truck safety specialist

Kennebunkport Police Department, July 1968 – May 1971

Patrolman

Accident investigation, traffic control, community relations

U. S Army, 1965-1968

Heavy equipment operator, tractor trailer driver, Texas and Viet Nam

**PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATIONS**

Certified Director of Safety (1998, recertified in 2003 and 2008)

Certified Driver Trainer (1992, recertified in 2004 and 2008)

Certified Screening Test Technician Trainer

Certified Smith System Instructor (1999, recertified in 2003, 2008 and 2011)

Certified Forklift Operator Trainer

Certified Escort Driver

Non-current registrations: Certified Arson Investigator, Certified Ambulance Attendant

**PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

American Trucking Associations

America's Road Team Captain 1996

Million Mile Safe Driver Award

Hannaford Trucking Company

Twice selected driver of the month

John Deere Corporation

Selected as employee of the month

Maine Professional Drivers Association

Captain, MPDA Road Team

**MILITARY SERVICE**

U.S. Army, 1965-1968

Army Engineer, Heavy Equipment Operator, Tractor-Trailer Driver

Served in an engineer battalion in the Republic of Vietnam.

Operated heavy construction equipment.

Drove a tractor-trailer hauling equipment and building materials.

Repaired equipment in the field as needed.

Awards received include:

2 Purple Heart Medals

Vietnam Service Medal w/ 3 Bronze Stars

**EDUCATION**

Certified Smith System Instructor Course, Recertification – 2011

Certified Smith System Instructor Course, Recertification – 2008

Value Driven Driving Course - 2005  
Defensive Driving for Commercial Drivers

OSHA - 2005  
10- Hour Training course

Transportation Security Administration - 2004  
Highway Watch Trainer Course

JJ Keller - 2004  
Forklift, Train the Trainer, Recertification Course

University of Central Florida - 2003  
Certified Director of Safety, Recertification

Certified Smith System Instructor Course, Recertification – 2003

JJ Keller - 2003  
Forklift Operator Training Program, Recertification

J.J. Keller – 2001  
Forklift Operator Certification Course

RSKCo – June, 2001  
Professional Driver Development Program: Stopping in Time and Visual Techniques

Certified Smith System Instructor Course - 2001  
Driver Improvement and Accident Reduction Training

University of Maine – 2000  
Transportation Safety for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Eastern Regional Safety Management Council - 2000  
ATA Regional Safety Meeting

MMTA- 1999  
Coaching the Professional Driver, Defensive Driving Seminar

Indiana University of PA – 1999  
Certified Director of Safety

U. S. Department of Transportation-1999  
Safety by Cooperative Partnership Education (SCOPE)

Towing and Recovery Insurance Group and Ross Kinman – July, 1999  
Light and Heavy Duty Towing

- NATMI-1998-1999
  - Industry Familiarization Inspection Seminar
- J.J. Keller & Associates-1998, 1999
  - Federal Hazardous Material Regulation Seminars
- John Deere Transportation Insurance – 1998
  - Forklift, Train the Trainer Certification Course
  - 120 Minute Drug / Alcohol Supervisor's Training, Recertification
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania-1998
  - NATMI Motor Fleet Safety for Supervisors
  - NATMI Advanced Motor Fleet Safety for Supervisors
- Penn State University-1998
  - Motor Fleet Supervisor Training
- Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance-1998
  - Roadside Inspections
- U. S. Department of Transportation-1997
  - Safety by Cooperative Education (SCOPE)
- Towing and Recovery Insurance Group and Ross Kinman – October, 1997
  - Light and Heavy Duty Towing
- John Deere Transportation Insurance-1997
  - Screening Test Technician Trainer
  - Instructors Course 120 Minute Drug/Alcohol Supervisors Training
- Michigan Truck Safety Commission-1996
  - Decision Driving Course
- J.J. Keller – 1992
  - Forklift Operator Certification Course
- Michigan State University-1992
  - Motor Fleet Supervisor Training
- Michigan State University-1992
  - Certified Driver Trainer Certification
- Liberty Mutual Insurance Company-1990
  - Tractor Trailer Decision Driving Course
- Pennsylvania State University - 1988
  - Motor Fleet Trainers Workshop
- Bendix Brake Systems - 1977
  - Air brake repair & maintenance course

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State of Maine - 1968  
Police Officer training course

US Army - 1965-1966  
Tractor-trailer driver training

US Army - 1965  
Equipment Operator course

### **SPECIAL TRAINING**

- 2013 Certified Pilot Car / Escort Driver Training, Arizona Trucking Association, Phoenix, AZ
- 2012 Hazardous Materials Transportation Training, Arizona Trucking Association, Phoenix, AZ
- 2012 Accident Investigation (Skidmarks), Classen-Buck Seminars, TX
- 2012 Ethics and TX Rules and Regulations, Classen-Buck Seminars, TX
- 2010 Photographing Vehicles for Litigation, Classen-Buck Seminars, TX
- 2010 Ethics and TX Rules and Regulations, Classen-Buck Seminars, TX
- 2009 CSA 2010 Training Sessions, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
- 2009 Flatbed Cargo Securement, J.J. Keller
- 2009 Regulatory Roundup Workshop, Arizona Trucking Association, Phoenix, AZ
- 2008 Design and Operation of Work Zone Traffic Control seminar, presented by a National Highway Institute certified instructor, Champaign, IL
- 2008 Air Brakes and Air Brake Systems Seminar, Bendix, Phoenix, AZ
- 2003 Passenger Car and Agricultural Equipment Crash Testing, European Conference for Accident Reconstruction sponsored by DEKRA, EVU, Winterthur, DSD, IbB Expertisen, DWG, USI, SJTB, and Unfallanalyse Berlin, held in Wildhaus, Switzerland, July 4-5, 2003

### **PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS**

“Driver Qualifications”, AAJ Trucking Litigation Group, St. Paul, MN, June 5, 2015

“Safety Manager’s Point of View” and “Truck Driver’s Point of View”, Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s Litigating Tractor Trailer Accidents Seminar, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, PA, May, 2014

“Role of Shippers and Brokers”, AAJ Truck Litigation Group, Chicago, IL, October 25-26, 2013

Contributor to *Truck Accident Litigation, Third Edition* in the areas of driver responsibilities; hours of service and logging; loading and unloading / cargo securement; the business of trucking; the driver and the motor carrier. Published by the American Bar Association, 2012.

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“Rules and Regulations vs. Reality: The View from Trucking Company Insiders”, American Association for Justice Convention, Chicago, IL, July 28, 2012.

“Driver Training in Wheel Off and Braking Maintenance Cases” and Panel Discussion Participant, 360 Advocacy’s Trucking Litigation Exposed Seminar, New Orleans, LA, June 13 and 14, 2011

“Safety Manager’s Point of View” and “Truck Driver’s Point of View”, Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s Litigating Tractor Trailer Accidents Seminar, Philadelphia, PA, June 6, 2011

“Improving Driver Behavior and Performance”, Panel Member, Safety and Maintenance Council Meeting, Arizona Trucking Association, Tolleson, AZ, March 10, 2010

“Safety Manager’s Point of View” and “Truck Driver’s Point of View”, Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s Litigating Tractor Trailer Accidents Seminar, Pittsburgh, PA, November 6, 2007

“Safety Manager’s Point of View” and “Truck Driver’s Point of View”, Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s Litigating Tractor Trailer Accidents Seminar, Philadelphia, PA, November 2, 2007 (Mechanicsburg, PA participated via videoconference.)

Conducted hands on truck inspection as part of “Federal / State Regulations: the Focus of Litigation”, presented at Why Commercial Motor Vehicle Cases are Different: Nuts and Bolts of Handling a Trucking Case, Minnesota Association for Justice, May 11, 2007

“Safety Manager’s Point of View” and “Truck Driver’s Point of View”, Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s Goliaths of the Highways Truck Accident Litigation Seminar, Philadelphia, PA, August 19, 2005

“Safety Manager’s Point of View” and “Truck Driver’s Point of View”, Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s Goliaths of the Highways Truck Accident Litigation Seminar, Pittsburgh, PA, August 10, 2005

“Electronic Equipment in Use In the United States to Monitor Truck Driving Behavior and to Reconstruct Accidents”, presented at the 2003 European Conference for Accident Reconstruction, Wildhaus, Switzerland, July 5, 2003

“Safety Manager’s Point of View”, and “Truck Driver’s Point of View,” Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s Goliaths of the Highways: Truck Accident Litigation Seminar, Philadelphia, PA, June 27, 2003

“Safety Manager’s Point of View”, and “Truck Driver’s Point of View,” Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s Goliaths of the Highways: Truck Accident Litigation Seminar, Mechanicsburg, PA, June 24, 2003

“Safety Manager’s Point of View”, Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s Goliaths of the Highways: Truck Accident Litigation Seminar, Pittsburgh, PA, June 2, 2003

## **PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

Florida Trucking Association (past member)

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Florida Trucking Association Safety Management Council (past member)  
Maine Professional Drivers Association (founding and current member)  
North American Transportation Management Institute (current member)  
National Safety Council (firm membership)  
Arizona Trucking Association (current membership)  
Maine Turnpike Safety Advisory Board (past member)  
Maine Motor Transport Association Safety Management Council (past member)

**SAFETY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Efleetmgmt, Inc., advisory board member (past member)  
TWI Trucking, Safety Advisor & Consultant  
TWI & Associates, Safety Advisory Board  
Withlacoochee Technical Institute, Advisory Committee (past member)  
Withlacoochee Technical Institute, Safety Instructor, Commercial Driver Training (past member)  
Professional Truck Driver Institute, Certification Committee, Subject Matter Expert (past member)

**OTHER QUALIFICATIONS**

Police experience including courtroom testimony, accident investigation and criminal investigation

Motorcycle rider since 1966. Completed several motorcycle rider safety courses.