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Resume of:
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Education:

Anchorage Police Department Academy	1995-1996
University of Alaska	1989-1994
Palmer High School	1985-1990

Specialized Training:

Informant Development, Management and Control	August 2009
Northwestern University First line Police Supervision School	October 2007
13 th Annual DRE Conference, Las Vegas Nv.	August 2007
Clandestine Laboratory Basic Certification School	June 2007
2 nd Annual Alaska Drug Recognition Expert In-service Training	May 2007
State of Alaska Medical Examiners Death Investigation seminar	April 2007
Alaska Peace Officers Association Conference	April 2007
Alaska Police Standard Council Advanced Police Officer Cert.	August 2006
12 th Annual DRE Conference, Kansas City Mo.	June 2006
1 st Annual Alaska Drug Recognition Expert In-service Training	May 2006
Drug Recognition Expert Instructor School, Las Vegas Nv.	January 2006

Alaska Drug and Alcohol Driving Summit	November 2005
11 th Annual DRE Conference, Washington D.C.	August 2005
Field Training Officer	January 2005
Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professional Instructor	October 2004
Drug Recognition Expert, Spokane, Wa.	September 2004
Reid Interview and Interrogation	May 2004
Alaska Police Standards Council Instructor certification	September 2003
Driving Under the Influence detection	March 2003
Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Instructor	March 2003
Laser speed detection operator	January 2002
Breath Test Supervisor	February 2002
Uniform Investigator	April 2000
Advanced Accident Investigation	May 2000
Moving/Stationary RADAR operator	January 1998
RADAR operator	November 1995
Fire Fighter I	April 1994
Hazardous Materials Technician	August 1993
Methods of Instruction	September 1992
Emergency Medical Technician II	February 1991
Emergency Medical Technician I	September 1989

Duty Assignment:

Officer Ritala is currently assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division, Swing shift in the downtown area. He performs various patrol duties to include; bicycle patrol, responding to calls for service, investigation of Felony and Misdemeanor crimes, Traffic enforcement and Collision investigation. He also works as a Uniform Investigator (crime scene processing), a Field Training Officer, and is often looked to by junior Officers of the shift for advice and direction.

Beyond Officer Ritala's patrol duties, he is an instructor for Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, Breath Test Operator, and Drug Recognition Expert. He frequently trains and recertifies officers maintaining their

certifications. Officer Ritala also maintains the verification of calibration for four DataMaster and dozens of portable breath alcohol testing instruments. Officer Ritala is a Drug Recognition Expert and has conducted over one hundred DRE evaluations on drug impaired persons, maintaining a 96%+ toxicological confirmation rate.

Officer Ritala holds an Advanced Police Officer Certificate. He is an Instructor Trainer for Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST), a Breath Test Supervisor/Instructor, and a Drug Recognition Expert Instructor.

Officer Ritala teaches Police Recruits at the Anchorage Police Department Academy, Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals (DITEP) within the state of Alaska, and has been an Instructor in a Las Vegas, Nevada DRE school.

Officer Ritala has three years of training and patrol experience with the Palmer Police Department as a Reserve Police Officer and a Police Dispatcher.

Awards and Recognitions:

Chief Heun's letter of recognition Performing CPR on a man while off duty in the Petersville area snowmobiling	June 2009
Life Saving Award	April 2008
Chief Monegan's letter of recognition Assisting in the establishment of a Portable Breath Testing calibration program.	September 2003
Chief Udland's letter of recognition Investigation into an abandoned vehicle that lead to the arrest, and conviction, of a man that had just murdered another.	September 2000
Governor Tony Knowles' letter of appreciation Assisting in rescue efforts following a climbing accident at Ptarmigan Peak.	July 1997

Expert Testimony:

6/4/2008; Drug Recognition Expert
Anchorage District Court Case #3AN-0605955; Judge Murphy
Municipality of Anchorage Vs. Oleyer, Reginald; APD report #06-26495

3/12/2008; Drug Recognition Expert
Anchorage District Court Case #3AN-08-11100; Judge Olson
State of Alaska Vs. D. Ferguson; APD report #08-49121

1/12/2006; Drug Recognition Expert
Anchorage District Court Case #3AN-05-5554; Judge Swiderski
Municipality of Anchorage Vs. R. Williams; APD report #05-27023