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Curriculum Vitae

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Mr. Warfield has in-depth experience, knowledge and expertise in the fields of All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Safety, Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle (ROV) Safety, ATV Operations and ROV Operations. He is nationally recognized for his pioneering work in training and monitoring Licensed ATV Safety Instructors by major ATV manufacturers including; Arctic Cat, BRP (Bombardier), Crossrunner, Honda, John Deere, KTM, Kawasaki, KYMCO USA, Polaris, Suzuki, Tomberlin and Yamaha. Under guidelines established by the ATV Safety Institute (ASI) and the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America (SVIA), Mr. Warfield has trained and licensed Instructors for agencies including the Air Force, Border Patrol, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Park Service, State Parks, State and local Police Departments and private commercial businesses. He has been one of the primary training Chief Instructors for ASI, training and supervising their employed Instructor body for over sixteen years. Mr. Warfield has been licensed by the Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association (ROHVA) as Chief ROV DriverCoach Trainer. ROVs are also commonly referred to as “side-by-sides” or “UTVs”. ROHVA member manufacturers include; Arctic Cat, BRP, Kawasaki, Polaris and Yamaha.

In 1985 Mr. Warfield was trained and certified by the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America (SVIA) as an ATV Instructor. In 1989, he furthered that training and expertise by becoming an ATV Safety Institute (ASI) Licensed Chief Instructor. From 1989 to the present, he has been continually under contract by ASI to train, license and monitor that Agency's employed ATV Instructor staff. Since 1988 ASI has maintained over one thousand Licensed Instructors throughout the United States. ASI Instructors must attend a bi-annual in-service workshop to maintain their Licensing status. Mr. Warfield, under contract to ASI conducts an average of ten workshops annually. ASI also relies on Mr. Warfield to monitor Instructor performance during actual student teaching classes.

Mr. Warfield is one of the senior Chief Instructors currently under contract to ASI. He has established an Instructor Training Facility at Rocky Meadows Farm in central Maryland. This is a one hundred fifty acre farm owned and operated by the Warfield family. The training facility includes a classroom building, a marked flat track and a wooded trail. ASI has utilized it for the past several years for Instructor Training on the east coast. Additionally, hundreds of novice ATV riders have completed the ASI RiderCourse program conducted at this facility by Mr. Warfield.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has requested Mr. Warfield's testimony in several hearings relating to ATV safety. These hearings discussed the operation of ATVs by both adults and children. CPSC Compliance Investigators have been trained by Mr. Warfield at his training facility on almost a yearly basis since 1988. From 1988 through 1998 Mr. Warfield routinely visited ATV dealerships nationwide and verified that CPSC guidelines were being followed. Recent CPSC activity has addressed the use of ATVs by children under the age of sixteen years. Participating in hearings and discussions of this issue, Mr. Warfield maintains extensive knowledge of CPSC ATV Safety guidelines and investigative support for CPSC rulings.

Buck Warfield has testified in Court and has been deposed in numerous ATV related cases. He has been deposed in numerous ROHV (Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle) cases including both utility and recreational style side-by-side vehicles. He has been contracted to analyze more than one hundred ATV and ROHV accidents in recent years. His case history is available upon request.

Education

Mr. Warfield graduated from the Glenelg High School in Maryland in 1966. In January of 1970, he entered the Maryland State Police Training Academy and successfully complete that six-month course in general police studies. Graduating at the rank of Trooper, Mr. Warfield was employed by the Maryland State Police as a police officer for twenty-three years and retired from that Agency in January of 1993.

In 1985 he attended a one-week seminar conducted by the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America and received certification as an SVIA approved ATV Instructor. From 1985 to present, he has attended the mandatory Instructor in-service training seminars conducted by SVIA and ASI. Mr. Warfield elevated his expertise by attending and completing Chief Instructor training in 1989. He has attended mandatory annual Chief Instructor two-day workshops conducted by ASI since that initial training date. On December 12, 2010 Mr. Warfield completed the Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association (ROHVA) approved training for side-by-side utility and recreational vehicles. On October 28, 2011, Mr. Warfield was licensed by ROHVA as Chief ROV DriverCoach Trainer, qualifying him to actually train and license Coaches to teach ROV drivers the ROHVA "Closed Range Exercises" as well as the ROHVA "Open Trail Experience Suite".

Major Projects/Achievements

In 1984, Mr. Warfield initiated one of the first organized ATV Rider Training Programs in the country. Acting as both a Maryland State Trooper and volunteer 4H Leader, he sought the guidance of the newly formed Specialty Vehicle Institute of America in establishing this State Police/4H safety program.

Directed primarily at younger riders, the training was conducted by then Trooper Warfield while on duty and in uniform. In 1985 he attended and completed the SVIA program to obtain an Instructor Certification. This local training received national recognition in 1987. Trooper Warfield was awarded the National Safety Council's Merit Award for innovative safety programs. In addition, he received the "Police Officer of the Year" commendation awarded by the State of Maryland Law Enforcement Association that same year.

As a result of this success, along with other community-based policing initiatives enacted by Trooper Warfield, the Maryland State Police elevated his position from routine patrol duties to Coordinator of MSP Crime Prevention Programs. He was placed in charge of the D.A.R.E. Program, Neighborhood Watch, Crime Solvers and other community initiatives. In 1987 Trooper Warfield established the Maryland State Police ATV Patrol Unit. This unit consisted of four uniformed Troopers certified by SVIA and qualified to operate two MSP ATVs. The unit, one of the first of its kind in the Nation, was utilized extensively for search and rescue, crowd control and other related police assignments. Trooper Warfield was issued a new marked Ford Bronco and a two ATV Unit trailer that became his assigned transportation. During this period, the Maryland State Police also relied upon Trooper Warfield's expertise to review and evaluate all ATV accidents that occurred within their jurisdiction. These included both off-highway and highway collisions. Trooper Warfield was an invited guest speaker on ATV Safety for community groups and organizations throughout Maryland and the Mid-Atlantic States. He maintained his position in charge of this operation and the entire Crime Prevention Unit through 1993 when he retired.

With this background in both police duties and ATV Safety, he frequently assists police and public organization in establishing written operational orders for Departmental ATV use. His expertise has been utilized by the Air Force, Border Patrol, the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Park Service and local police in not only training their personnel as Instructors, but also in establishing those Agencies' Operational Orders.

Upon retiring from the police force in 1993, Mr. Warfield's availability to ASI was significantly increased. His peers at the ATV Safety Institute have on multiple occasions recognized him for his outstanding work ethic and assignment volume.

On July 01, 2000, Mr. Warfield was selected by ASI to conduct an ATV RiderCourse Seminar for the compliance officers of the Consumer Product Safety Commission. These participants were responsible for monitoring the CPSC ATV Consent Decree enacted in 1988.

On August 20, 2001, Mr. Warfield was contracted by ASI to facilitate an informational ATV Safety Seminar for the entire West Virginia Legislative body.

Another major undertaking began in June of 2001. Mr. Warfield was selected by ASI to participate as a member of their Curriculum Revision Board. For approximately six months, the Board reviewed, evaluated and redesigned the training manuals utilized by ASI for both Instructor Training and Chief Instructor Training.

On March 26, 2003, Tread Lightly!, Inc. requested the services of Mr. Warfield in developing and implementing their Master Instructor and Instructor curriculum. Tread Lightly! is a non-profit funded by numerous major contributors including; Ford Motor Company, DiamlerChrysler, Mitsubishi, Toyota and others. They have established a national staff of Licensed Instructors that promote the ethical use of public lands. Mr. Warfield became one of their founding Master Instructors and has been contracted by Tread Lightly! to assist in the continued training of both Master and Licensed Instructors at a Staff level.

On June 05, 2003, the Consumer Product Safety Commission selected Mr. Warfield to testify at their Product Review Hearing conducted in Morgantown, WV. He related his expertise and conclusions concerning an increasing number of serious and fatal ATV accidents occurring both in the State Of West Virginia and throughout the Country. This event was televised nationally and was attended by several thousand.

On August 15, 2005 the 4H conducted a two-day seminar to launch a new National 4H initiative to train youngsters in the proper use of ATVs. The seminar was located at the 4H National Training Center in Bethesda, Maryland and was attended by approximately forty representatives from States throughout the country. Mr. Warfield was selected by the organizers as a presenter for the workshop.

On September 25, 2005, the Consumer Product Safety Commission featured Mr. Warfield in a nationally released Public Service Announcement (PSA) to promote the safe and responsible use of ATVs. This video was filmed at Mr. Warfield's ATV training site in Sykesville. The PSA was made available to all major media outlets including network television, cable TV suppliers and the print media.

From October 6-9, 2005, the nationally syndicated television show titled "Brian Fisher's ATV World", filmed an ATV Instructor Preparation Seminar conducted by Mr. Warfield at his Maryland Training site. The four-day seminar was edited to a thirty-minute production and was televised nationally on cable TV.

Mr. Warfield also hosted and facilitated a three-day seminar from November 16-18, 2005. This workshop was conducted at his Sykesville facility to train and inform the current compliance personnel employed by CPSC. Nineteen employees and supervisors attended the session that included hands-on ATV operation and classroom instruction.

On June 06, 2006, Mr. Warfield participated in a U. S. Senate hearing conducted by Virginia Senator George Allen. Conducted in the Dirksen Senate Building, the hearing discussed compliance with All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Standards.

The Georgia Sheriff's Association contracted the ATV Safety Institute and requested a speaker for their June, 2007 annual seminar. They intended to expand their "CHAMPS" Program to incorporate ATV Safety Training for fifth grade children in the Georgia Public School System. On June 11, 2007, Mr. Warfield facilitated a seminar for GSA that provided them with a core curriculum for elementary school children on ATV Safety.

From October 15-19, 2007, Mr. Warfield conducted a forty-hour college approved course on ATV Safety for representatives of the 4H. The seminar was conducted at Garrett College in McHenry, Maryland. Participants graduated from the training as ASI approved ATV Instructors and will be initiating ATV Safety for their respective 4H units in western Maryland.

The Outdoor Channel Television Broadcast featured Mr. Warfield during the filming of their series titled, "Ride To Adventure". The TV show, hosted by Mr. Bill Baker depicted the Browning Fork Trail System of the Hatfield McCoy ATV Trails Complex. Filmed on May 20, 2008, the show aired in January of 2009 on the Outdoor Channel. Mr. Warfield discussed overall ATV Safety in Hatfield McCoy Trails during the telecast.

With the popularity of side-by-side recreational vehicles increasing, an organization to promote the safe operation of these vehicles was formed by the major manufacturers and distributors. The Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association (ROHVA) also received American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accreditation to develop a standard for the equipment, configuration and performance requirements of ROVs. In addition, ROHVA has published Safety Rules for these increasingly popular off-road vehicles. On August 27, 2008, Mr. Warfield hosted the "kick-off" event for this organization at his Sykesville facility. Representative vehicles include the Yamaha Rhino, the Polaris Ranger RZR, the Kawasaki Teryx, the Arctic Cat Prowler and the BRP Commander. The video of this event is included on the ROHVA website (www.rohva.org). Mr. Warfield has assisted several agencies including military and governmental groups in developing preliminary ROHVA training programs and he completed the ROHVA approved training program on 12/12/2010. Mr. Warfield has logged over 900 hours as operator of his personal ROV since 2006. He is currently Chief ROV DriverCoach Trainer for ROHVA. Mr. Warfield's Training Facility in Sykesville, Maryland has been designated by ROHVA as a DriverCoach Training Center, one of only three in the United States.

On January 29, 2009, Mr. Warfield was the recipient of the ATV Safety Institute's highest award for service, productivity and professionalism. The gold award was presented at the annual Chief Instructor's Conference held in Irvine, California. In addition, Mr. Warfield received a service award honoring his twenty years of continued active duty as an ASI Chief Instructor.

The ATV Safety Institute hosted its first-ever Autumn ATV Safety Week on October 9, 2012 at Mr. Warfield's ATV/ROV Training Facility in Sykesville, Maryland. This gave national media outlets the opportunity to experience the nationally recognized, hands-on ATV RiderCourse and speak with key staff members. ASI instructors, ASI Executive Vice President Paul Vitrano and Chief Instructor Warfield were on hand with new ATVs from all of the major ATV manufacturers. Joining national media outlets representing the NY Times, USA Today and Bloomberg were a local father and his two daughters, demonstrating the training for age-specific, youth-model ATVs. The event was videotaped and presented to CPSC at the CPSC Headquarters in Bethesda, Maryland on October 11-12, 2012 at the CPSC ATV Safety Summit event.

On January 9, 2015, a new 3200 square foot ATV and ROV training facility was completed on the Warfield property. The building incorporates a large climate classroom and conference room with internet service and full rest room accommodations. Four garage bays in the building provide secure storage for multiple ATVs and ROVs utilized as training vehicles. The building previously used for training was refitted as a maintenance, service and repair building for ATVs and ROVs.

On May 19, 2015, the U.S. Congress House of Representatives invited Mr. Buck Warfield to testify and provide his expertise concerning ROV safety at the Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade. The hearing was held in the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, DC and addressed oversight of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, specifically the proposed legislation, HR 999 – the ROV In - Depth Examination or RIDE Act. CPSC had previously voted to impose a mandatory product standard for recreational off-highway vehicles (ROVs), commonly referred to as side-by-sides. Mr. Warfield testified that the mandatory standards proposed by CPSC could potentially

cause ROVs to become less safe and that the CPSC ruling should be suspended until an investigation could be conducted by a third and impartial entity.

On February 23, 2016, Mr. Warfield was contracted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to assist a multi-Agency Committee study CBP Border Patrol ATV Injuries. Mr. Warfield attended and observed a 5-day Border Patrol Instructor Training Course conducted at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), in Artesia, New Mexico. He also rode on routine ATV patrol with Border Patrol Agents in Santa Teresa, New Mexico. The observations, opinions and recommendations Mr. Warfield derived from this investigation were reported in writing to HHS.

On July 21-22, 2018, the ATV Safety Institute utilized the Warfield Training Facility to update video and photographic presentations promoting ATV training and safe riding practices on internet and social media venues.

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