

## DONALD L. HESS

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### CURRICULUM VITAE

#### EDUCATION

**QUINCY UNIVERSITY** Quincy, Illinois  
Post-graduate study in Educational Administration

**OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY** Stillwater, Oklahoma  
Post-graduate study in Technical Education and Educational Administration

**UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA** Lincoln, Nebraska  
Bachelor of Arts, Major in Oral and Written Communication, Minor in Cultural Anthropology  
Also post-graduate in Vocational Education

#### RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- 4/97 – Present **DLH ASSOCIATES, INC.** Quincy, Illinois  
*Owner-Operator*  
Legal consultation involving crash analysis, commercial driver hiring and training requirements, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, transportation industry standards of care, defensive driving training and techniques, cargo loading and dock safety, driver supervision, etc. Served as expert witness for Plaintiff and Defense in well over 500 cases in federal and state jurisdictions nationally. Extensive experience in crash analysis, reports, deposition and trial testimony. Never disqualified as an expert witness. Also providing training and curriculum reviews and course design for commercial driver training.
- 6/94 – 6/13 **JOHN WOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE** Quincy, Illinois  
*Director / Professor / Department Chair Transportation & Public Safety Programs*  
Design, organization, and implementation of Truck Driver Training program from "ground up."  
Responsible for curriculum development, equipment acquisition, facilities and personnel management, instructor training and evaluation, and all other related activities. Also responsible for administration and management of all Fire Science, Homeland Security, and Law Enforcement programs. TDT program named "One of Top Ten Truck Driving Programs" by Transport Topics, 2008. Position converted in 2011 to full tenured Professor, Department Chair of Transportation Programs. Took advantage of early retirement option to assume full-time operation of DLH Associates, Inc.
- 9/92-1/94 **CENTRAL OKLAHOMA AREA VO-TECH,  
CENTER FOR TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY EDUCATION** Drumright, Oklahoma  
*Lead Instructor*  
Responsible for conducting classes teaching all phases of truck driving, taking students through the CDL permit process to fully endorsed license. Teaching environment included classroom, private range, and open road. Actively participated in curriculum development, and skill assessment procedures and criteria. EVOG instructor, emergency vehicle high speed driving, defensive driving, evasive maneuvers and techniques, law enforcement high speed and pursuit techniques.
- 1/90-9/91 **BUFF 'N STUFF CAR CARE** York, Nebraska  
*Owner*  
Opened shop junior year in college, Sold business at a profit after 21 months of operation in order to fully concentrate on final year of school.
- 5/89-12/89 **SAPP BROTHERS TRUCK STOP** York, Nebraska  
*Assistant Manager / Shift Supervisor*  
Trained staff in all aspects of jobs, served as night shift supervisor.

- 4/85-2/87 **NIELSEN TRUCKING, INC.** York, Nebraska  
*Over The Road Driver*  
 Operated under lease to and authority of Sunflower Carriers, York, Nebraska in 48 contiguous states. Qualified for ATA 10 year safety award and Million Mile Safe Driving award.
- 5/83-4/85 **GILBERT CENTRAL CORPORATION** Grand Island, Nebraska  
*Heavy Equipment Operator / Job Site Truck Supervisor*  
 Operated various types of heavy equipment as required, served as truck, heavy equipment, and site safety specialist.
- 9/80-5/83 **SUPE BROTHERS TRUCKING** Duncan, Nebraska  
*Over the road driver*  
 Delivery of salt and grain within the greater midwestern area.
- 2/78-8/80 **LANGE AND RUNKEL CHEVROLET** Redlands, California  
*New car sales manager*  
 Began with dealership as sales associate, promoted to management after twelve months. Responsible for orientation and training of new associates.
- 1/71 -2/78 **LONG TRANSPORT, INC.** Los Angeles, California  
*Lead Driver and Driver Trainer*  
 Began as transport driver. Promoted to lead driver/trainer in 1973, lead safety trainer in 1976. Implemented new safety and loss prevention programs.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

- Judge, 1993 State Truck Driving Championship, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Judge, 1995-1998, 2005-2008 State Truck Driving Championships, Chicago, Illinois
- American Trucking Association Ten Year Safety Award, 1985
- American Trucking Association Million Mile Safe Driving Award, Presented 1987
- "Lee Crittenden Award," recipient, Professional Truck Driver Institute/Truckload Carriers Association 2009
- Contributing author "*Entry Level Skill Standards for Truck Drivers*," Illinois Skill Standards Credentialing Council
- Contributing author "*Tractor-Trailer Driver Handbook/Workbook, 1st Edition*," Career Publishers, Orange, CA
- Contributing editor "*Tractor-Trailer Driver Handbook/Workbook, 2nd-4th Editions*," Delmar Cengage Publishing, Clifton Park, NY
- Speaker on various commercial driver training strategies, techniques, and methods at numerous national conferences, conventions and seminars nationally since 1993. Groups addressed include Professional Truck Driver Institute, Truckload Carriers Association, American Trucking Associations, Commercial Vehicle Training Association, National Association of Publicly Funded Truck Driving Schools, Driver Training and Development Alliance, numerous other groups, associations, and educational institutions.

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Elected Trustee, Board of Trustees, John Wood Community College
- Former member and Education Committee co-chair, Truckload Carriers Association
- Former member and Foundation Board member, Women in Trucking Association
- Active member, Midwest Trucking Association
- Active member, California Trucking Association
- Active member, Illinois Trucking Association
- Former member, Missouri Trucking Association
- Founding member and board member, Driver Training and Development Alliance
- Former president and charter member, National Association of Publicly Funded Truck Driving Schools
- Former Executive board member and Evaluation Team Leader, Professional Truck Driver Institute
- Former Commissioner, Professional Truck Driver Institute

## COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE

- Illinois Class A Commercial Driver License, endorsed for doubles, triples, tankers, passenger, motorcycle, and Hazardous Material. Valid through February, 2027. Current U.S.D.O.T. physical. Continuous professional truck driver license or CDL and USDOT Medical Certificate without interruption or penalties/citations since 1971.