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Soteria Company, LLC
Consultant
2019 - Present

EDUCATION

- B.S. Fire Protection Management and Technology, Cal State, Los Angeles
- A.A., Political Science, Rio Hondo College

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Experience First Responder Trainer
- Fire Suppression Background
- Fire Code and NFPA
- Witnessing Safety Certification for Transit Projects
- Arson Investigation
- Hazardous Materials

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

42 Years

REGISTRATIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

- NIMS Certified Instructor
- FEMA Certificate Planning and Operations
- Fire Department Instructor
- California State Arson Investigator
- California State Certified Private Investigator
- Emergency Medical Technician 1D
- Department Hazardous Material Training

EMPLOYMENT

- Self-Employed Consultant
2013 – Present
- Business Contingency Group
2010 - 2013
- Los Angeles Fire Department
1975 - 2010

SUMMARY

Mr. Quintanar has an extensive background in non-emergency and emergency incidents and planning, including transportation, natural disasters, large public gatherings, municipal buildings and arson. He was a member of the Los Angeles Fire Department for 35 years in the roles of Firefighter, Engineer, Captain I, Captain II, and Battalion Chief, in both operational and administrative roles. His experience as a Fire, Life, Safety and Security Consultant has brought his experience and expertise to projects in public transportation, working with constructors, designers and first responders.

TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE IN EMERGENCY INCIDENTS AND PLANNING

In his long tenure with the LA Fire Department, John managed numerous emergency incidents in such areas as the LA International Airport, Los Angeles harbor, and incidents involving rail, high-rise buildings and brush fires.

Emergency Planning

- Managed planning for public gatherings in the aftermath of 9/11
- Managed emergency planning for the Los Angeles Marathon, coordinating communications between law enforcement and city agencies
- Managed city-wide protests that took place with no significant incidences as a result of his oversight.
- Established the LA Fire Department's Operation Center, representing the fire department and the city's Emergency Operations Center as a planning chief.
- Evaluated Los Angeles City Agencies for compliance with city goals and objectives.
- Served as an Officer to the LA Hazard Materials Squad and trained in Hazardous Materials Mitigation.
- Two years working with the LA Arson Department, working with city, state and federal agencies such as the ATF, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, and representatives of the military and other agencies.
- Initiated a training program addressing the incident command system, NIMS to MTA personnel.

Safety Planning in Design and Construction

- Served as Fire Department Liaison Officer to the Metropolitan Transit Authority for seven years, working closely with Metro, Contractors and City Personnel, and during that time served on the Fire, Life and Safety Committee.
- Working with Soteria, was Fire, Life, Safety and Security Consultant on the Eastside and Expo 1 light rail transportation projects during design and construction phases, through opening day.
- Fire, Life, Safety and Security Consultant on the Tex Rail Project for Texas Trinity Metro
- Working with Soteria, was Safety and Security Consultant on the LA Metro Pasadena Gold Line Extension, meeting metro criteria and NPFA 130 requirements for a 6-station alignment with both center and side platforms. Co-developed an emergency plan for Metro and for first responders.

Consultant to City Agencies and Municipalities

- Worked with local fire departments, CPUC, State and local jurisdictions on interpreting fire codes, NFPA and local code, and applying his insight on those codes to rail projects.
- Coordinated communications and efforts between contractors, city agencies and local first responders on light rail construction projects.

RELEVANT AND RELATED TRANSPORTATION EXPERIENCE

Gold Line Foothills Extension, Azusa to Montclair, LACMTA, Los Angeles, CA

December 2017 - Present

Pasadena Gold Line Extension, LA Metro Design/Build Project, Pasadena, CA

March 2013 – December 2017

The Gold Line Foothills Extension is a 23.9-mile extension of the Metro Gold Line light rail corridor from its former terminus in Pasadena, California, east through the "Foothill Cities" of Los Angeles County into San Bernardino County. The corridor extension forms a part of the Los Angeles County Metro Rail system.

Mr. Quintanar's Role: Fire, Life, Safety and Security Consultant

On the Azusa to Montclair Extension, John is a member of the Fire, Life, Safety and Security Committee, working closely with first responders. He co-developed an emergency plan for the 12 miles of alignment, ensuring the plan complied with Metro Criteria and NFPA 130. Additionally, he co-designed an emergency plan for first responders that identified key areas throughout the alignment and helped initiate MOU with all first responders.

On the Pasadena Gold Line Extension Light Rail Project, John worked closely with Fire Responders on 2 underground stations, updating and training Responders on the rail system. He worked with the design team to approve the alignment and the Maintenance facility. Once the design process was approved, he worked closely with the contractor to witness construction of the project. Upon project completion, he approved the Certification of Occupancy for the City of Los Angeles.

Tex Rail Project, Texas Trinity Metro, Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX

October 2015 – February 2018

The Tex Rail Project was a 26-mile commuter project from the city of Ft. Worth to DFW Airport.

Mr. Quintanar's Role: Fire, Life, Safety and Security Consultant

John was a member of the Fire, Life, Safety and Security Committee. He met with first responders and worked with the design team and contractor, interpreting the fire codes and NFPA 130 during the project's design and build. He trained over 300 first responders in rail safety awareness and on the safety features of the unique Stadler European Train.

CNG Bus Facilities Upgrades, LACMTA, Los Angeles, CA

May 2003 – March 2010

Mr. Quintanar's Role: Battalion Chief

On this project, John assisted with the permitting of upgrades to Bus Facilities. He directed the design and installation of the underground fuel tanks, ultimately securing permitting.

Eastside Gold Line, LACMTA, Los Angeles, CA

May 2003 – March 2010

This was a project to construct six miles of train tracks and eight stations, two of the stations underground.

Mr. Quintanar's Role: Battalion Chief

John was assigned to the Gold Line project to approve the design of the alignment. He participated in the Fire, Life, Safety and Security meeting, working closely with Metro staff. Upon approval of the design process, he worked closely with the contractor to witness construction of the project. Upon project completion, he approved the Certification of Occupancy for the City of Los Angeles.

Expo 1 Line, LACMTA, Los Angeles, CA

January 2004 – March 2010

Mr. Quintanar's Role: Battalion Chief

John co-designed this project, approving and working with the design contactors. Once the design was approved, he witnessed the construction, approving a major portion before his retirement.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS / COMMITTEES

- NTSB Investigative Team Chatsworth Train Crash
- Member NFPA 130
- MTA Fire, Life and Safety Committee Member
- Los Angeles Fire Department Homeland Security Member
- Los Angeles Fire Department Strategic Planning Member
- Member of Los Angeles Fire Department's USAR Team
- Hazardous Material Committee Member
- Los Angeles County Interoperability Work Group Member
- Fire Department's Explorer Coordinator
- Director of Division Evaluation
- Engineer Three Whole Score Evaluator
- Fire Department Advocate
- Recruit Background Investigator
- Recruit Entrance Interviewer