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FIRE AND EMS CONSULTANT AND EXPERT



CURRICULUM VITAE

Fire & Emergency Medical Services Expert Witness

Fireground Tactics & Strategy • Emergency Vehicle Operations • EMS Standard of Care
Founder & Principal – Anderson Consulting and Training, PLLC

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Michael K. Anderson is a nationally retained Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) expert witness with **40 years of combination of operational, supervisory, command, and instructional experience** across municipal, state, federal, and private-sector emergency services.

He provides **litigation support, expert analysis, and testimony** in matters involved:

- Emergency vehicle collisions (EVO / due regard / causation)
- EMS standard of care and clinical decision-making
- Fireground tactics, command, and fire behavior
- Supervisory liability and failure-to-train
- NFPA compliance and operational standards

Mr. Anderson has been retained in **multi-jurisdictional litigation nationwide** by plaintiff and defense counsel, including municipalities, and law firms. His opinions are **methodologically grounded, standards-based, and rendered within a reasonable degree of professional certainty**, consistent with:

- **Federal Rule of Evidence 702**
- **Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals**

He is known for delivering **clear, defensible, and jury-comprehensible opinions** rooted in experience, education and training.

II. AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Emergency Vehicle Operations (EVO) & Collision Causation
 - Fireground Tactics, Strategy & Incident Command
 - Fire Behavior
 - EMS Standard of Care & Documentation Liability
 - BLS Decision-Making & Clinical Assessment
 - Supervisory Liability & Training Deficiencies
 - NFPA Standards & Operational Compliance
 - Human Factors & Risk Management in Emergency Response
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III. EXPERT WITNESS CASE EXPERIENCE

Testimony History

(Deposition and Trial)

1. *Robert Danbom v. Los Angeles Fire Department, et al.*

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

Case No.: 22STCV28056

Retained by: Plaintiff – 05/29/2025

Subject Matter: Fire apparatus collision / gross negligence

Testimony: Deposition – Active

2. *Allstate Insurance Company, et al v. City of Chicago, et al..*

Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois

Case No.: 2024L005646

Retained by: Plaintiff – 07/07/2025

Subject Matter: Fire apparatus vs structure collision/causation

Testimony: Deposition / Trial Stand-by

Outcome: Plaintiff verdict

3. *Sherri Hunter v. Providence Health Services, et al.*

Thurston County Superior Court, WA

Cause No.: 24-2-000024-34

Retained by: Plaintiff – 11/05/2025

Subject Matter: EMS standard of care / delayed STEMI recognition

Testimony: Deposition

Outcome: Plaintiff verdict

4. *Gregory Weber, et al. v. City of Vancouver*

Clark County Superior Court, WA

Cause No.: 24-2-00376

Retained by: Defense – 08/15/2025

Subject Matter: Negligence / municipal liability

Outcome: Active

5. *Enrique Antonio Martin Munoz v. American Medical Response, Inc.*

Riverside County Superior Court, CA

Case No.: RI-CI032

Retained by: Plaintiff – 02/13/2026

Subject Matter: Ambulance collision/causation

Testimony: Opinion for SMJ Motion by defense

Outcome: Defense SMJ Granted

6. *Scott Gordon v. City of Tamarac / Estate of Anthony Sahlipre*

Broward County Superior Court, FL

Case: Litigation

Retained by: Plaintiff – 01/26/2026

Subject Matter: Aide Unit collision/causation

Testimony: N/A

Outcome: Active – Litigation phase

7. *Estate of Trandon E. Benson, et al. v. Grant County Fire Protection District NO. 10*

Grant County Superior Court, WA

Case: Litigation

Retained by: Plaintiff – 06/17/2026

Subject Matter: Complaint For Damages

Testimony: N/A

Outcome: Active – Litigation phase

IV. METHODOLOGY

Mr. Anderson applies a structured, reliable methodology including but not limited to:

1. **Comprehensive Record Review**
 - PCRs, dispatch logs, CAD data
 - Depositions, policies, training records
2. **Standards-Based Analysis**
 - NFPA (1500, 1451, 1002, 1561)
 - National EMS Education Standards
 - State and regional EMS protocols
 - ICS/NIMS doctrine
3. **Clinical / Operational Evaluation**
 - Patient assessment & deterioration recognition
 - Fireground size-up & command decisions
 - Driver/operator conduct & due regard
4. **Causation Framework**
 - Foreseeability
 - Preventability
 - Substantial factor / proximate cause

All opinions are rendered to a **reasonable degree of professional certainty**.

V. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Anderson Consulting and Training, PLLC – WA | 2024–Present

Founder / Principal / Expert Witness

City of Ruston Fire Department – WA | 2010–2023

Assistant Fire Chief | Captain | Training Officer | EMT

Pierce County Fire District #14 – Puyallup, Washington | 1998 – 2000

Firefighter II / EMT

American Medical Response (AMR) – WA | 1996–2013

EMT | Crew Chief | Training Officer | EVO Instructor
State EMT Evaluator

Eldorado Hotel and Casino – Reno, Nevada | 1991 – 1996

EMT – EMS Division Manager

Washington State DMAT (FEMA) | 2000 – 2013

EMT | Federal Disaster Response (9/11, Hurricane Katrina)

CAL FIRE – Riverside County, CA | 1982 – 1991

Fire Apparatus Engineer / EMT

Firefighter II / EMT

Functioned as Initial Incident Commander

VI. OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Patient Contacts:** ~25,000
- **Structure Fires:** ~100
- **Initial IC Responses:** ~60

These are **conservative, experience-based estimates** consistent with industry practice.

VII. EDUCATION, TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS

National Fire Academy (Command & Control of Incident Operations, Multiple-Alarm Command & Control of Incident Operations, Incident Command for High-rise Operations, and Incident Safety Officer)

- FEMA ICS 100–800 (NIMS compliant)
- IFSAC Fire Instructor I
- AHIMT Type 1-3, Incident Commander, Deputy Commander and Operations Section Chief
- Washington State HazMat Incident Command
- TEEX WMD Incident Management
- ACLS, PALS, PHTLS (long-term clinical training)

- Currently ongoing additional multiple continuation education – Fire/EMS
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VIII. PUBLICATIONS

“Documentation Legal Liability” – *JEMS* – March 2023

<https://www.jems.com/administration-and-leadership/documentation-legal-liability/>

“Crime Scene Preservation for Fire/EMS” – *Fire Engineering* – September 2023

https://digital.clarionevents.com/clarionsupplements/2023_fireems/MobilePagedReplica.action?pm=2&folio=12#pg12

“Running the Red: Emergency Vehicle Operations Pitfalls” – *Fire Engineering* – February 2024

<https://www.fireengineering.com/apparatus-equipment/running-the-red-emergency-vehicle-operations-pitfalls/#gref>

“Training Liabilities” – *Fire Engineering Website* – July 2024

<https://www.fireengineering.com/firefighter-training/fire-department-training-safety-and-legal-consequences/#gref>

“Avoiding Legal Pitfalls in EMS Documentation” – *Fire Engineering* – September 2024

https://digital.clarionevents.com/clarionsupplements/2024_fireems/MobilePagedReplica.action?pm=2&folio=6#pg6

“Focus, Practice, and Familiarity: The Secret to Firefighter Excellence” – *Fire Engineering* – September 2024

<https://www.fireengineering.com/firefighter-training/focus-practice-and-familiarity-the-secret-to-firefighter-excellence/>

Transforming Emergency Care: The Role of AI in Medicine – *Fire Engineering* – July 2025

https://digital.fireengineering.com/fireengineering/library/item/july_2025/4282556/

The Fire Service Never Forgets: Social Media, Screenshots, and Consequences

Firefighter Nation – June 2026

<https://www.firefighternation.com/firefighting/the-fire-service-never-forgets-social-media-screenshots-and-consequences/>

IX. PRESENTATIONS

- FDIC International
- EMSLive@Nite

- National Webinars (ICS, EMS Liability, EVO)
 - Washington Association of Legal Investigators
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X. PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- International Association Fire Chiefs (IAFC) 2026-present
 - National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 2026-present
 - International Society of Fire Service Instructors (ISFSI) 2024-present
 - Washington Association of Legal Investigators (Past President) 2010-present
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XI. SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT ROLES

- Master Subject Matter Expert – Fire Engineering Training

Curriculum Alignment – Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau (WSRB)

XII. EXPERT TESTIMONY & OPINION AREAS

Mr. Anderson is qualified to render expert opinions on:

- Fireground operations & command decision-making
 - Emergency vehicle collision causation
 - EMS patient care, documentation, and transport decisions
 - Supervisory liability and training adequacy
 - NFPA compliance and national standards of care
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XIII. FEE SCHEDULE

- Hourly: \$350.00
- Deposition: \$350.00/hour
- Trial: \$2,800/day
- Retainer: \$4,000.00
- Expenses and Costs: All reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in connection with this engagement are the responsibility of the retaining party. Such expenses include, but are not limited to, travel (including airfare, lodging, meals, and ground transportation), mileage billed at the current IRS rate, document acquisition and reproduction, shipping, and other litigation-related costs. Expenses are billed at cost, without markup, unless

otherwise specified by written agreement. Advance payment or reimbursement of anticipated expenses may be required.
