

ROBERT JOHN SESTON MITAI, MAIRSO

Robert John Seston is a Member of the Institute of Traffic Accident Investigators. Mr Seston served with the UK West Midlands Police Force for over 30 years retiring in August 2004. From 1980 to retirement he served in the Force Road Traffic Policing Unit. Mr Seston is trained in Vehicle Collision Investigation; he holds City and Guilds Certificates in the subject and also in motor vehicle examination. Mr Seston, on a daily basis, was involved in all aspects of road traffic policing and dealt with the investigation and reporting upon a significant number of road traffic collisions of varying severity. That involved attending collision scenes, carrying out a thorough investigation and, from evidence available, reconstructing the collision, and examining the behaviour of persons and vehicles involved and determining the causes. During the final three years of service, Mr Seston was employed as a member of a ten Officer team dedicated to collision investigation and analysis throughout the entire West Midlands area.

Mr Seston has been an Advanced Grade One Police Driver since 1978, trained for both cars and motorcycles and he also holds a full PCV driving licence. Mr Seston has experience and training in all aspects of the policies, procedures and equipment used by Police in the detection and recording of road traffic matters.

Mr Seston is thoroughly conversant with the role of an expert witness and the duty owed to the court, he having acted as an expert witness on many occasions prior to retirement from the Police and has attended and given expert evidence in various Courts.

Upon retiring from the Police Service, Mr Seston worked as an Engineer with the firm of Strange, Strange and Gardner, becoming head of their road traffic department prior to entering private practice in 2008..

He has continued to investigate road traffic collisions and has dealt with incidents throughout the United Kingdom and also abroad in Germany, France, Hong Kong and Israel. He has attended and has given expert evidence in various Courts throughout the United Kingdom and abroad, for both Claimant and Defendant in Civil matters and for the Defence in many criminal cases.

Mr Seston is regularly instructed as a single joint expert and has considerable experience in the forensic examination of vehicles and is regularly instructed to establish consistency of damage and collision circumstances.

- A former Police Officer in the West Midlands Police with over 30 years' service, 24 of which were on the Traffic Department.
- City and Guilds qualified in Collision Investigation and Reconstruction with 34 years' experience in the field. On an almost daily basis prior to retirement from the Police Service, attended at the scenes of serious and fatal road traffic collisions and from the evidence available, examined the behaviour of vehicles and persons involved and determined the causes for the collisions.
- The holder of Class 1 Advanced driving certificates for both car driving and motorcycle riding.
- Trained Security Escort and Defensive Tactics driver and rider.
- Trained to Tactical level in the use of firearms.
- The holder of a Class 1 PCV (D + E) driving licence.
- A City and Guilds qualified Vehicle Examiner, having been nominated by the Chief Constable to examine, test and weigh motor vehicles and prohibit, if necessary, the use of any such vehicles that were found to be unfit.
- Trained in the use of V.A.S.C.A.R.™, Police Pilot™, Radar and Laser speed detecting devices.
- Trained and experienced in the use of in-car video systems, and responsible for training others in their use.
- Trained and experienced in the use of TintMan™, SkidMan™ and Adams Tow Force transducer devices.
- Trained in the use of the Vericom VC4000 DAQ Performance Computer.
- Trained and experienced in the use and development of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (A.N.P.R.) systems.
- Qualified and experienced in Plan Drawing and electronic scene measurement techniques.
- Has studied methodology and research in the investigation of incidents involving the question of pedestrian conspicuity.
- Member of the Institute of Traffic Accident Investigators (MITAI).
- Member of the European Association for Accident Research and Analysis (EVU).
- Member of the Association of Industrial Road Safety Officers (MAIRSO).
- Experienced in giving evidence to both Criminal and Civil Courts, including Public Enquiries and Coroners Courts in the United Kingdom and also abroad, including Israel.
- Shown on the UK Register of Expert Witnesses.