**Kirk A. Ashleman**

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Kirk Ashleman is a retired Sergeant with the Park Ridge Cook Co., Illinois Police Department. During his years as a police officer he took on many roles and developed a strong desire to learn the discipline of Collision Investigation and Reconstruction. He is an accredited collision reconstructionist through the Accreditation Commission for Traffic Accident Reconstruction (ACTAR) and is certified by the State of Illinois Law Enforcement Standards and Training Board as a Reconstruction Specialist.

He has investigated over 200 fatal/severe injury collisions and held the rank of Commander for a multi-jurisdictional task force that investigated fatal/sever collisions for northwest suburban Cook Co., Illinois. Kirk Ashleman graduated from Illinois State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and has over 400 hours of training in the field of Collision Investigation/Reconstruction. In 2020 he joined the staff at Northwestern University Center for Public Safety as an instructor for the Crash Investigation Division. He is also an active member of the Illinois Association of Technical Accident Investigators.

Kirk Ashleman has received recognition from numerous police agencies in Cook County, Illinois for assisting agencies in the investigation/reconstruction of fatal collisions. Many of these investigations lead to successful prosecutions and justice for victims. He has given expert testimony in criminal trials within the judicial system of Cook County, Illinois and participated in many civil depositions. The Major Case Assistance Team of northwest Cook County, Illinois selected Kirk Ashleman the 2015 Investigator of the Year.