

## **Curriculum Vitae**

### **Riaan van den Berg**

#### **Specialisation**

- Proven experience as Branch Manager for an International Industrial Cleaning Company servicing the Mining, Commercial and Industrial sectors.
- Experience as a Chief Fire Officer, Risk Manager and trainer/facilitator with 16 years total experience in fire, rescue and medical operations.
- Hazardous materials specialist with expertise in flammable, liquid and industrial, commercial and residential fire fighting operations.
- Substantial experience in motor vehicle rescue and extrication.
- Experience in dealing with a multicultural workforce.

#### **Driving licence**

- Code EC with Professional Drivers' Permit for Goods and Personnel and Dangerous Goods (Extra Heavy Vehicle Licence)

#### **Education**

- Graduate Diploma Fire Engineering Science
- Certified Trainer/Assessor – EDTP – SETA 2009
- NFPA Certified Fire Officer - Boksburg Fire Academy
- HSE training – SAMTRAC; NOSA
- Certified Fire Service Explosives Inspector
- Certified Airport Fire-Fighter - ARFF Academy of the South African Air Force, Dunnotar

#### **Licences, Certifications and Specialised Training**

- Graduate Diploma Fire Engineering Science  
1998 South African Fire Service Institute
- Main Subjects:           Fire Service management  
                                  Fire Safety and prevention  
                                  Fire Science  
                                  Fire Technology
- Conduct outcomes-based assessment US ID 115753  
ETDP – SETA 2009
- Facilitate learning using a variety of given methodologies US ID 117871  
ETDP – SETA 2009
- Confined Space Entry Supervisor  
2006 The HAZMAT School
- Safety Management Training Course (SAMTRAC)  
2004 National Occupation Safety Association
- General Health and Safety Course (GHSTC)  
2003 National Occupation Safety Association

- Dangerous Goods – Loading & Warehouse Staff CAT 4  
2003 Aviation Academy for Southern Africa (ICAO Annex 18 & IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations)
  - Including Forklift Operations - 3, 5, 7, 15 and 28 Ton
- NFPA Certified Fire Officer I (NFPA 1021)  
NFPA Certified Professional Fire-fighter (NFPA 1000, 1001 & NFPA 1002)  
2002 South African Fire Services Institute
- PC Hardware Diploma  
1999 CTU Training Solutions
- Health and Safety Representative Course (HSE)  
1999 National Occupation Safety Association
- Certified Fire Service Explosives Inspector  
1995 South African Fire Services Institute
- Hazmat Operations Level  
1995 Boksburg International Fire School
  - Certified HAZMAT Responder
  - Certified HAZMAT Operator
  - Hazardous Materials Waste Site worker
- EMT-1 Ambulance Emergency Assistant - AEA(ILS)  
1993 JHB Provincial Ambulance College  
**Registered as a Paramedic (ILS) with the South African Medical and Dental Council**
- Truck and Engine Company Course  
1992 Fire Med, Sandton  
**Certified Driver/Operator**
- Fire Academy of the South African Air Force  
1990 Dunnotar A.F.B., Johannesburg  
**Certified Airport Fire-fighter**  
**Department of Defence Certified Fire-fighter, Airport Fire-fighter,**  
**Driver/Operator of Crash/Pumping Apparatus**
- Air-ops Logistical support.  
Fuelling and ground support for aircraft, fuel and equipment dispatching.

### **Professional Memberships**

- **SAESI**- South African Emergency Services Institute
- **FPASA** – Fire Protection Association of South Africa

## Work Experience

- **August 2008 - Current: CC Member/ Fire Consultant – FHE Consultants**
  - Fire Consultant for major building constructions in Limpopo Province, the rest of South Africa and Botswana. Conduct training and workshops related to the Hazmat and Fire Fighting Industries. Training officer to major industry role players, training their personnel in Dangerous Goods Driver Training, First Responders for Hazardous Materials Spillages and Spill Kit Training. Conduct training and ensure the ongoing training and development of fire teams relevant to flammable liquid, major structural, aircraft and miscellaneous fires and incidents.
- **April 2007 – July 2008: Branch Manager/ Senior Representative - Spill Response Team North (SRT North)**

*Spill Response Team North, South Africa; Waste Management and Hazmat Response Company- Clients include Shell, BP and SASOL, Mines and several transporters of Dangerous Goods.*

  - Oversee all HAZMAT Operations and 24 Hour Emergency response. Develop National Bio-Remediation techniques pertinent to large fuel spills (all hydrocarbons). Write editorials on Bioremediation for periodicals and magazines covering the mining industry. Conduct training and workshops related to the Hazmat and Fire Fighting Industries. Training officer to major industry role players, training their personnel in Dangerous Goods Driver Training, First Responders for Hazardous Materials Spillages and Spill Kit Training. Oversee International and National sales and development of Hazmat consumables, absorbents, spill kits etc. Countries serviced included South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana and Mozambique for all industrial and road side accidents and spillages, environmental rehabilitations and clean-ups. General and Building Engineering experience pertaining Fire Safety, Construction and Water Hydraulics, working with construction equipment such as Wackers, Bomag's, and small conveyor systems to name a few.
- **Jan 2006- March 2007: Fire Training Officer/ Operations Location Chief (PAE)**

*Fire and rescue Operations; Pacific Architect & Engineering Government Services CAT 6 Airport, United Nations Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo*

  - Manage and supervise the operational capabilities of a 25-person Fire Fighting and rescue team involving multicultural employees. Conduct training and ensure the ongoing training and development of fire teams relevant to flammable liquid, major structural, aircraft and miscellaneous fires and incidents. Training and lectures constitute 24 Hours a week. Act as Incident Commander during any large and protracted incidents. Completed my contract period.
- **Nov 2004-Jan 2006: Hazardous materials (HAZMAT) Operations Manager (SRT)**

*Spill Response Team North, South Africa; Waste Management and Hazmat Response Company- Clients include Shell, BP and SASOL.*

  - Oversee all HAZMAT Operations and 24 Hour Emergency response. Develop National Bioremediation techniques pertinent to large fuel spills (all hydrocarbons). Write editorials on Bioremediation for periodicals and magazines covering the mining industry. Conduct training and workshops related to the Hazmat and Fire Fighting Industries. Oversee International and National sales and development of Hazmat consumables, absorbents, spill kits etc. Countries serviced included South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana and Mozambique for all industrial and road side accidents and spillages, environmental rehabilitations and clean-ups.

- **Mar 2002-Sep 2004: Chief Fire Officer / Training Officer**  
*Fire and rescue Operations; Pacific Architect & Engineering Government Services CAT 6 Airport; United Nations Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo*
  - Manage the 29-person Fire Fighting and Rescue team involving multicultural employees. Conduct training and ensure the ongoing training and development of fire teams relevant to flammable liquid, major structural, aircraft and miscellaneous fires and incidents. Training and lectures constitute 24 Hours a week. Act as Incident Commander during any large and protracted incidents. Developed and implemented standard operating procedures (SOP's) for all aspects of fire operations and HSE activities.
- **Aug 1998-Mar 2002: Emergency Services Fire Station Officer**  
*Centurion Local Government, Centurion City, South Africa*
  - Provided emergency services to a major city (including numerous warehouse and storage facilities, a large railway station transporting flammable liquids: Jet fuel, diesel, and gasoline; large residential area and two active airports. Primary responsibilities included supervising the four Fire Stations consisting of 56 fire-fighter personnel. Act as Incident Commander when necessary. Participated in the training of personnel in specialized fire and rescue topics, fire investigations and educating the public on fire safety awareness.
- **Dec 1995-2002: Freelance HAZMAT Spill Worker**  
*WASTE-TEC- cleaning and rehabilitation of HAZMAT or HAZCHEM spills*
- **Nov 1994-Jul 1998: Fire Station Officer (Safety, Training and Operations)**  
*Potgietersrus Fire/Emergency Services, Local Government, Potgietersrus City, South Africa*
  - Provide emergency services to a major city, which included large fuel storage and dispatching facilities, large industrial chemical plants and numerous research and development operations, residential areas, an active airport and a large railway station, Primary responsibilities included Incident Commander, part of the managerial team, building and premises fire safety inspections to make sure they comply with local and government specifications on building regulations (SABS 0400), enforcing the local fire and building laws, training personnel on specialized fire and rescue topics, rescue procedures and public education in fire and safety awareness.
- **Jan 1993-Oct 1994: Leading Firefighter/Paramedic**  
*Midrand Fire Department, Midrand, South Africa*
  - Provide emergency services to the city of Midrand and Johannesburg (including industrial areas and 2 major airports). Responsibilities included: managing day-to-day shift activities, supervising the maintenance of equipment to keep them in a state of readiness, training of firefighters/paramedics and operators in apparatus, public education to include lectures and classes on home fire safety.
- **Jan 1990-Dec 1993: Fire Protection Specialist**  
*Waterkloof A.F.B. Fire Department, Centurion, South Africa- Sergeant*
  - Duties included fire-fighter/paramedic, rescue technician, control room operator, stations apparatus manager. Fuelling of aircraft and fuel and support dispatch.