

Strangulation Response, Investigation & Prosecution

**Nursing CEs will be provided by the Alaska Nurses Association. APSC approved for Law Enforcement. Alaska Bar Association approved for CLEs.

Strangulation assaults have been identified as key indicators for risk of lethality in domestic violence cases. This advanced course offers an in-depth and multidisciplinary approach to these types of assaults. This course is designed for law enforcement, prosecution professionals, advocacy, and medical professionals.

The core objectives of this advanced two day course:

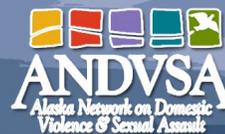
- Identify key factors in the lethality of strangulation;
- Describe the anatomy, physiology, and signs and symptoms of strangulation in surviving and non-surviving cases;
- Improve documentation of strangulation cases in the context of intimate partner violence, sexual assault, and child abuse;
- Discuss best-practices in trauma-informed advocacy, interviewing, prosecution, and/or patient/case management;
- Develop local experts to use in trial.

This course will be offered in several communities across the state. For more information, contact Randi Breager at randi.breager@alaska.gov.

Next Course: September 2-3, 2015 , 8:00am-4:45 pm
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Advanced Strangulation Course

Day 1-Date of Training and Location

TIME	TOPIC
8:00 - 9:00 am	Welcome, Introductions & History Why should we care? Research overview, AK facts, history of legislation in AK
9:00 - 10:00 am	Anatomy & Medical Aspects of Strangulation Anatomy, physical indicators of strangulation, signs & symptoms, treatment, health risks
10:00 - 10:15 am	Break
10:15 - 11:15 am	Continued- Anatomy & Medical Aspects
11:15 - 12:30 pm	<i>Lunch on your own</i>
12:30-2:00 pm	Trauma Informed Approaches How advocacy can help, neurobiology of trauma, impacts on memory & behavior
2:00- 2:15 pm	Break
2:15- 4:30 pm	Law Overview and Investigation Applicable statutes, building evidence to meet key elements, interviewing
4:30 - 4:45 pm	Wrap-up with questions

Day 2-Date of Training and Location

TIME	TOPIC
8:00 - 8:15 am	Review and Questions
8:15 - 9: 45	Breakout Sessions: Forensic Documentation Photographing, documenting injuries, use of new techniques Role of Advocate & Safety Planning Screening for strangulation, advocacy procedures, safety planning
9:45-10:00 am	Break
10:00 - 11:00 am	Prosecuting Strangulation Cases- Jury Selection What evidence to present, getting it into court
11:00-12:15 pm	<i>Lunch on your own</i>
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Prosecuting Strangulation Cases- Preparing Your Witnesses Who can testify to what, using officers and medical professionals as witnesses to effects of strangulation, preparing for direct & cross exam
1:15 - 4:15 pm	Providing Testimony-Direct and Cross Hands-on practice answering direct and cross examination questions pertaining to strangulation
4:15 - 4:45 pm	Wrap-up and Evaluations