

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.

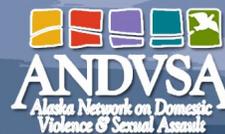
This course will be offered in several communities across the state. For more information, contact Randi Breager at randi.breager@alaska.gov.

Next Course: April 12-13, 8:00am-4:30 pm
Nome Mini Convention Center
102 River St

Register at: <https://nomestrangulationresponse.eventbrite.com>



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Advanced Strangulation Course

Day 1-Date of Training and Location

TIME	TOPIC
8:00 - 8:45 am	Welcome, Introductions & History- John Why should we care? Research overview, AK facts, history of legislation in AK
	Break-5 minutes
8:50 - 10:30 am	Anatomy & Medical Aspects of Surviving & Non-Surviving Victims-Tracey, Cathy or Angie Anatomy, physical indicators of strangulation, signs & symptoms, treatment, health risks
	Break - 15 minutes
10:45 - 12:30pm	Trauma Informed Approaches- Ariel & Tracey or Cathy Neurobiology of trauma, impacts on memory & behavior, how advocacy can help
12:30-1:30pm	<i>Lunch on your own</i>
1:30-3:00 pm	Law Overview and Investigation- John & Mike Applicable statutes, building evidence to meet key elements, interviewing
	Break - 15 minutes
3:15- 4:30 pm	Continued-Law Overview and Investigation-Mike Applicable statutes, building evidence to meet key elements, interviewing

Day 2-Date of Training and Location

TIME	TOPIC
8:00 - 8:15 am	Review and Questions
8:15-9:30am	Case Studies - Mike Review case reports, photos, and medical documents of several strangulation cases from around the state
	Break - 15 minutes
9:45 - 11:15	<i>Breakout Sessions:</i> Forensic Documentation-Tracey, Cathy or Angie & Mike: Medical, Officers, Prosecutors Photographing, documenting injuries, use of new techniques (e.g. ALS) Role of Advocate & Safety Planning-Ariel: Advocates and Paralegals Screening for strangulation
11:15-12:15pm	Prosecuting Strangulation Cases-Jury Selection -John Voir Dire for juries in strangulation cases, utilizing the Batson challenge
12:15-1:15pm	<i>Lunch on your own</i>
1:15 - 2:30 pm	Prosecuting Strangulation Cases - Preparing Your Witness-John Who can testify to what, using officers and medical professionals as witnesses to effects of strangulation, preparing for direct & cross exam, examples of testimony. <i>Demonstration: Direct Examination-Medical</i>
	Break - 15 minutes
2:45-4:00pm	Practice Testimony-Direct and Cross Hands-on practice answering direct and cross examination questions
4:00-4:30pm	Next Steps - Angie