

IDENTIFYING & INVESTIGATING ASPHYXIATION

STRANGULATION, SUFFOCATION & AQUATIC CRIMES

TWO DAY TRAINING

November 7 & 8, 2019

8:30am-5pm

(8am Registration)

Tuition: \$50

Washington State University

Student Academic Center

Riverpoint Campus

600 Riverpoint Blvd, Spokane, WA 99201

Victims of domestic violence are physically and psychologically tortured with asphyxiation assaults every day in our community, yet signs are missed by first responders, medical professionals, and other members of the justice system.

This powerful and lethal form of abuse is compelling reinforcement to the victim their abuser decides if they will live or die. Asphyxiation is used by perpetrators as they escalate toward and commit homicide.

Primarily focusing on adult victims, these presentations will bring awareness to the challenges, obstacles, and solutions to identify, investigate, assess, and prosecute crimes involving asphyxiation by strangulation and suffocation as well as those facilitated in or by water.

Attendees will learn to overcome common challenges asphyxiation presents including: lack of external injury, lack of victim, and missed and misunderstood evidence. The training will explain how to implement and understand an Asphyxiation Assessment (previously known as the Strangulation Supplement) and teach first responders to conduct quality on-scene investigations with a trauma-informed approach to collect valuable and credible evidence to aid successful prosecution.

TO REGISTER: ywcaspokane.org/strangulation-training-2019/

Kelsey McKay

Kelsey McKay is a highly recognized national expert on the topic of asphyxiation and interpersonal violence. She was a child abuse and domestic violence prosecutor in Travis County, Texas for 12 years exclusively prosecuting strangulation related crimes for half that time. She now trains and consults nationally to implement sustainable protocols and help strengthen how communities collaborate, investigate, treat, and prosecute strangulation, as well as cases ranging from intimate partner violence and sexual assault to child abuse and homicide.

Kelsey is President and CEO of RESPOND Against Violence, a non-profit organization, and serves on multiple faculties, advisory boards and committees.



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Andrea Zaferes

Andrea Zaferes co-founded the nonprofit RIPTIDE to assist with aquatic death and homicidal drowning investigations and has taught hundreds of police, fire, EMS, and military personnel annually throughout the US, Canada, Asia, and the Caribbean.

Andrea is a medicolegal death investigator with the Dutchess County Medical Examiner's Office, NY.

She has numerous publications, is a noted presenter at forensic conferences nationwide, and is an expert witness for aquatic death cases.

Andrea was recently featured on Dateline and the Discovery Channel. Her past diving honors include: DAN Rolex Award, Beneath the Sea Diver of the Year Award, and Women Divers Hall of Fame and much more.



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