



Northwest Illinois Criminal Justice Commission

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Identifying, Investigating and Prosecuting Strangulation Cases

DATE: March 25, 2020

Registration Ends: March 20, 2020

TIME: 8:00 AM—5:00 PM 8 Hours

LOCATION: Dixon Elks Lodge 779, 1279 Franklin Grove Rd, Dixon, IL 61021, USA

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Cathy Baldwin-Johnson Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention

Shining Star Children's Advocacy 11th Annual MDT Strangulation Symposium

COURSE CONTENT: This training will focus on child victim investigations - Strangulation has been identified as one of the most lethal forms of child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault: unconsciousness may occur within seconds and death within minutes. When perpetrators choke (strangle) their victims, especially to the point of unconsciousness, it is not only a felony, but it may be an attempted homicide. Strangulation is an ultimate form of power and control that can have a devastating psychological effect on victims. The inability to breathe is one of the most terrifying events a person can endure.

Light Continental Breakfast and lunch provided

Dr. Cathy Baldwin-Johnson leading expert in the field of non-fatal strangulation and suffocation assaults in violence against children cases, will collectively share her expertise and cover the following:

- Findings from a study of 300 misdemeanor strangulation cases
- Understanding the lethality of strangulation
- Link to other crimes, police shootings and mass murders
- Identifying the signs and symptoms of strangulation cases
- Anatomy and medical aspects in surviving and non-surviving victims
- Investigating and documenting Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Strangulation cases
- Legal aspects of strangulation cases with surviving victims
- Developing and using experts in court
- Advocating for traumatized victims
- Resources and handouts developed by the Institute

Partial funding provided by Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board and MTU#1's request for certification of this course has been approved by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board

Instructor

Dr. Cathy Baldwin-Johnson, MD is a family medicine specialist in Palmer, AK and has been practicing for 35 years. She is a leading expert in the field of non-fatal strangulation and suffocation assaults in violence against children cases She graduated from University Of Washington School Of Medicine in 1980 and specializes in family medicine.

REGISTRATION: Law Enforcement: Use the MTU1 website registration process and your agency will be invoiced. [MTU#1 website](#). Find Registration instructions [here](#)

NON-Law Enforcement: Register via Eventbrite at- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/shining-star-childrens-advocacy-11th-annual-mdt-strangulation-symposium-tickets-89982617431>

Today we know that strangulation is one of the most accurate predictors for a subsequent homicide. If a victim is strangled even one time, he or she is 7x more likely to be killed by their abuser. Even If the victim is lucky enough to survive, he or she may have still suffered brain damage due to the lack of oxygen, other internal injuries, delayed or long-term consequences."

Gael Strack, Esq., CEO & Casey Gwinn, Esq., President

Alliance for HOPE International & the Strangulation Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention

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This class has been submitted to ILETSB for approval in meeting mandatory training for:

Mandated Annually

- Law Updates Use of Force (must include scenario based or similar approved)

Mandated once every 3 years (begin 1/1/16)

- Civil Rights Constitutional and proper use of law enforcement authority
 Cultural competency Procedural Justice **Human Rights**

Mandated once every 3 years (begin 1/1/17 all/ within 2 yrs. for investigators)

- Sexual Assault Trauma Informed Response / all sworn & T.C.'s due by 1/1/2020
 Sexual Assault Trauma Informed Investigator / Investigators due by 1/1/2019

Mandated once every 3 years (begin 1/1/18)

- Intro to Mental Health Awareness

Mandated once every 3 years / Begin 1/1/20

- Officer Wellness

Mandated once every 3 years / Begin 1/1/20

- Reporting Child Abuse & Neglect

Mandated once every 5 years /begin 7/1/18 (first (5) year cycle due by 1/1/2020)

- Psychology of Domestic Violence**

Mandated 32 hours every four years after initial training

- Lead Homicide Investigator training**