



# Northwest Illinois Criminal Justice Commission

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## **Identifying & Investigating Pediatric Aquatic Abuse, Punishment, Sexual Assault, and Homicide Shining Star Crimes Against Children Conference**

**DATE:** April 23, 2024

**Registration Ends:** April 13, 2024

**TIME:** 8:30 AM—4:00 PM      8 Hours

**LOCATION:** Dixon Elks Lodge, 1279 Franklin Grove Rd., Dixon, IL

**INSTRUCTOR:** Investigator Andrea Zaferes, Dutchess County Medical Examiners Office

Registration will be done online. MTU1 will pay the registration fee for our member Agencies. \$25 Registration Fee (Law Enforcement, from Jo Davies, Stephenson, Carroll, Ogle, Lee, and Whiteside County use **promo code MTU1 @ Check out**).

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/identifying-and-investigating-pediatric-aquatic-abuse-tickets-815785625767?aff=oddtcreator%0d%0dt>

It is likely more aquatic pediatric, abuse, punishment, sexual assault, and homicide are being missed than caught for a variety of reasons including lack of training and awareness about aquatic crimes, few or no obvious injuries, lack of evidence-based aquatic incident investigation standards and best practices, staged homicides and illness misinterpretations, offender manipulations, and perpetuation of myths and incorrect information.

### **Training Objectives:**

- Types and dynamics of aquatic crimes against children. Types of offenders and offender motivation.
- 17 Reasons why pediatric aquatic crimes are easy to misdiagnose. Asphyxiation physiology & challenges of misdiagnosing cause and manner of death.
- Case Histories teach us what questions to ask, and what evidence to document.
- Importance of multidisciplinary teams—each discipline's roles in pediatric aquatic abuse cases and how all disciplines can work together for the best outcome.

**Andrea Zaferes Bio:** With 30 years of working in the field of submerged/evidence recovery and investigation with Team LGS teaching fire, law enforcement, and military teams, Andrea is noted innovator in aquatic death investigations. She is an Investigator for the Dutchess County Medical Examiner's Office, is the NYS DCJS Aquatic Death Investigation Instructor, a published author, an aquatic consultant for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children,

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