

ADVANCED ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS

Domestic Violence, Strangulation, and Child Abuse

ELIGIBLE FOR 14 HOURS OF TCOLE CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

Two days of practical, advanced investigative training focused on domestic violence, nonfatal strangulation, child abuse, and complex cases involving vulnerable victims. Learn to recognize injury patterns, document critical evidence, understand trauma-related victim responses, and strengthen case development through real-world examples. This course also examines child sexual abuse investigations, pediatric homicide, and the medical and forensic evidence necessary to distinguish accidental injuries from intentional abuse.

COURSE TOPICS

- Domestic violence dynamics, risk factors, and officer safety
- Strangulation investigations: medical, forensic, and legal considerations
- Injury recognition, including petechiae and subconjunctival hemorrhage
- Non-visible injuries, alternative light sources, and evidence challenges
- Trauma-informed victim interviews and counterintuitive behavior
- Male victims and domestic violence cases involving law enforcement personnel
- Physical child abuse: accidental versus inflicted injuries
- Pediatric homicide, accidental death, and injury investigations
- Child sexual abuse: investigative action steps and forensic examinations
- Suspect behavior and investigative interviewing strategies
- Medical evidence, documentation, and multidisciplinary coordination
- Real-world case studies and investigative best practices

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Patrol officers, detectives, criminal investigators, prosecutors, medical professionals, victim advocates, and others involved in domestic violence, strangulation, or child abuse investigations.

COURSE DETAILS & REGISTRATION



DATES & TIMES

November 9–10, 2026 | 8:00 AM–4:00 PM

TUITION

\$375 | Credit Cards Accepted, Purchase Orders & Invoicing Available

LOCATION

Gus George Law Enforcement Academy
1521 Eugene Heimann Circle, Richmond, TX 77469

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ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR:

Colleen Brooks is a retired law enforcement Captain and Kansas Bureau of Investigation Special Agent with 25 years of experience, specializing in domestic violence, strangulation, child abuse, and sexual assault investigations. A former forensic child interviewer and statewide law enforcement trainer, she has helped develop investigative training and has testified as an expert witness. She holds graduate degrees in Management and Clinical Psychology and is a Licensed Master's Level Psychologist.