

Advanced Abuse Investigations:

Domestic Violence, Strangulation, and Child Abuse

Domestic violence and child abuse investigations are among the most complex, high risk, and emotionally charged cases law enforcement professionals face. This 2-day advanced training course provides practical knowledge and investigative strategies to help professionals recognize injury patterns, document critical evidence, interpret victim behavior, and build stronger prosecutable cases involving both adult and child victims.

Topics include investigative approaches to domestic violence and strangulation related assaults, physical and sexual child abuse investigations, pediatric homicide and accidental death, and distinguishing accidental versus intentional trauma. The course also addresses medical and forensic indicators of abuse, trauma informed interviewing considerations, and effective investigative action steps when working with vulnerable victims. Real world case studies are integrated throughout the training to reinforce learning and provide practical application that strengthens case outcomes.

Throughout the course, students will learn how to identify and document key evidence, interpret victim behavior, and strengthen case outcomes through proven investigative techniques. Real-world case studies are integrated to reinforce learning and provide practical application.

Who Should Attend

This course is designed for law enforcement officers, detectives, investigators, prosecutors, medical professionals, and victim advocates who handle domestic violence, strangulation, and child abuse cases. It focuses on advanced investigative techniques, forensic evidence recognition, and trauma informed approaches to strengthen case outcomes and support victims effectively.

Course Topics

- The Dynamics of Domestic Violence – the most misunderstood
- Strangulation Investigations - medical, forensic, and legal considerations
- Injury Pattern Recognition, - including petechiae and subconjunctival hemorrhage
- Use of Alternative Light Sources to detect hidden injuries
- Male Victims of Domestic Violence, recognizing and overcoming bias

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Gus George Law Enforcement Academy & Homefront Protective Group, LE Training Presents:

- Suspect Behavior and Interview Strategies
- The Neurobiology of Trauma – practical tips for working with traumatized victims
- Child Abuse/Injury Investigations - distinguishing accidental vs intentional trauma
- Child sexual abuse cases- Investigative Action Steps
- Medical Forensic Exam (Sexual Assault Exam) – what law enforcement need to know
- Behavior That Won't Make Sense – understanding why this occurs
- Case studies will be used to enhance learning
- Considerations when investigating DV cases involving law enforcement personnel
- Victim Interview Techniques, practical and trauma-informed approaches
- Investigative Best Practices for stronger case development
- Evidence Challenges in non-visible injury cases
- Counterintuitive Behavior - understanding victim responses

Course Details and Registration:

Course Location: Gus George Law Enforcement 1521 Eugene Heimann Cir., Richmond, TX 77469

Dates/Times: November 9th-10th, 2026, 8:00am–4:00pm

Registration Fee: \$375.00 (CC payment or Invoicing available by request)

Link: <https://homefrontprotect.com/AdvancedAbuse110926>



About the Instructor: Colleen Brooks, began her law enforcement career with the Dodge City Police Department in 2000 after earning a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. She quickly distinguished herself with commendations, becoming a Detective in 2005 and later rising to the rank of Captain. Over her 25-year career, she specialized in domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual assault investigations. For 18 years Colleen served as a liaison between her local domestic violence shelter and her agency. She was a forensic child interviewer from 2005-2025 and part of DV/Sexual Assault Response Teams from 2004 to 2025. She was a state-appointed DV law enforcement trainer and collaborated with agencies such as the Kansas Attorney General's Office, Aequis, and the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence. Colleen was appointed by the Governor's Office to assist in enhancing statewide curriculum for domestic violence, strangulation, sexual assault, and trauma. She earned multiple awards, including Officer of the Year and the AG's Outstanding Victim Service Award. Colleen earned a Master of Science Degree in Management in 2006, and a Master of Science Degree in Clinical Psychology in 2025. Retiring from the KBI as a Special Agent in the Child Victim Unit in 2025, Colleen continues to serve as an expert witness in domestic violence, strangulation, and child abuse cases. Colleen is currently a Licensed Master's Level Psychologist in private practice.

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