

East Central Illinois Mobile Law Enforcement Training Team

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Course Announcement

When Injury Speaks: Forensic Identification and Investigation of Domestic Violence

April 3rd, 2020

0800-1600 hrs

Home Church

2350 Madison Ave.

Charleston, Il. 61920

Submit enrollment to:
Registration form at
www.mtu13.com,
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Participants will observe and learn techniques to better utilize several reliable and valid intimate partner violence (IPV) assessment tools (copies provided) designed for use in clinical settings. The pros and cons of each of the tools will be discussed as well as tips on how to increase IPV case findings. Participants will receive copies of and learn how to use the recently modified Danger Assessment and HARASS tools to more accurately identify women at risk for IPV-related homicide. An update will be provided on the 2011 United States Preventative Services Task Force report that found sufficient evidence to recommend routine IPV screening with improved outcomes in the form of decreased harm, morbidity and mortality.

Participants from multiple disciplines will learn techniques for improving their verbal and physical assessments of abuse and forensic documentation (written and photographic) of clients/patients/victims with reported or suspected abuse-related injuries. Forensic terminology will be presented in a format immediately useful to various professionals. Accurate, unbiased documentation of injuries can greatly assist in evidenced-based prosecutions. The presenter will review the findings of his recently completed, federally-funded bruise study which demonstrated using specific wavelengths alternate light sources (ALS) with yellow and orange filters can allow visualization of bruises not seen or barely seen under normal room (white) light. ALS can be especially helpful visualizing newer bruises in dark skin-toned individuals and older bruises in persons of all known skin tones.

Observed Mandates Include:

Lead Homicide Investigation

Psychology of Domestic Violence

Human Rights

Daniel J. Sheridan, PhD, RN, FNE-A, SANE-A, FAAN is a Professor at the College of Nursing at the Texas A & M University College of Nursing in Bryan, Texas where he helped develop its Forensic Nursing Program and Master of Science in Forensic Nursing. Dr. Sheridan retired as an Associate Professor after teaching 12 years at the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, where he developed forensic nursing courses at the baccalaureate, master's and doctoral degree levels. Dr. Sheridan maintains an active forensic nurse examiner consulting practice providing case reviews for prosecutors and defense attorneys. Since 2001, Dr. Sheridan has worked as a consultant and expert witness for the Oregon Department of Human Services Office of Adult Abuse Prevention & Investigations which investigates suspected abuse and neglect of the elderly and persons with profound cognitive and physical disabilities.

Dr. Sheridan has over 35-years of experience working with survivors of domestic violence, family violence, elder and vulnerable abuse/neglect and sexual assault. He has created and managed two hospital-based family violence intervention programs, the first in Chicago, Illinois and the second in Portland, Oregon. Dr. Sheridan has published more than 35 clinical and research articles on nursing's role in abuse and forensics and has given over 600 invited lectures on these topics nationally and internationally.

Dr. Sheridan is a former board member of the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and a former Board President of the International Association of Forensic Nurses.

Mary Koll has been a felony violent crimes prosecutor since 2010, first in the Macon County State's Attorney's Office, where she was the supervising attorney of the Domestic Violence Unit and Elderly Victim Crime Unit, and more recently in the McLean County State's Attorney's Office, where she oversees domestic violence prosecutions. In both offices she has also been assigned to other major crimes including first degree murder cases. She is a member of several multi-disciplinary teams that focus on domestic and elder abuse, including founder and coordinator of the McLean County Coordinated Community Response Team and co-chair of the East Central Illinois Regional Fatality Review Team. She has provided training to police officers and professionals across the state on family violence and elder abuse, and is a legal instructor for the Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center.

