



STRANGULATION INVESTIGATIONS

Part 6: Working Together to Save Lives

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After completing Part 6, officers will be able to:

- Write detailed reports to increase likelihood of stronger bond conditions and successful felony prosecutions;
- Implement use of the Strangulation Supplement; and
- Connect with community partners to support the victim and aid prosecution.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

If you would like RESPOND Against Violence to facilitate an extended version of this discussion, email info@respondagainstviolence.org to set up a virtual meeting.

1. What details should be included in your report to strengthen bond conditions and increase the likelihood of successful felony prosecutions?
2. Discuss what additional information or resources, if any, your agency needs to implement the Strangulation Supplement. Check out the “Additional Resources” link for assistance.
3. Think through the community partners you work closely with (medical, advocates, and others). How could these partners assist you in holding strangulation perpetrators accountable? Where could your community relationships be strengthened to reach this goal?
4. What is the most impactful thing you learned about strangulation during this training? How will this knowledge impact your work going forward? How will you share this knowledge with others?
5. Discuss some of the challenges you face when interacting with judges. What things could you document in your Probable Cause Affidavit that might strengthen your cases?
6. Discuss the similarities and differences between how your agency treats cases where an officer uses a carotid restraint/vascular neck restraint/choke-hold on a suspect with cases involving domestic violence asphyxiation assault.

7. Think about past domestic violence cases you've worked that may have involved asphyxiation. Is there anything you might have done differently or additionally if you had this training beforehand?