

The Missouri Office Of Prosecution Services *presents*

Strategies for Investigating Trauma Victimization *With Russell Strand*

Free
Training!
Free
Lunch!

Please Join Us For a Special Training Event

Internationally Acclaimed Investigations Expert, *Retired* CID Special Agent
United States Army Family Advocacy Law Enforcement Training Division Chief

Russell Strand

Strand will be offering this one-day, in depth training on his ground breaking Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview Technique, which has shown astounding results in learning information from traumatized persons in all facets of victimization.

*This training will be POST, CLE & 210 Certified
Free of Charge*

May 29, 2013

8 AM to 5 PM

at

Knights of Columbus Hall

1121 Columbus Dr.

Washington, MO 63090

Free of charge to Prosecutors, Law Enforcement, Victim Advocates, Children's Division, Probation and Parole, Health Professionals and Children's Advocacy Center Staff. Other Similar Allied Professionals must obtain prior approval for attendance from Conference Organizers.

To register please copy & paste this link into your browser:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=q5eaeneab&oeidk=a07e7gidaapfddbdf1b>

**Please be sure to register on or before May 22, 2013
so that we can get an accurate count in time to order lunch and other materials.**

Questions? Concerns? Please contact Catherine Vannier, Family Violence Resource Prosecutor
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More about the Trauma Informed Interview Technique

Shifting the Paradigm for Investigating Trauma Victimization

From Battered Women's Justice Project's September 2012 e-newsletter

The Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview (FETI) utilizes information about the parts of the brain that experience trauma. This technique not only reduces the inaccuracy of the information obtained but enhances understanding of the experience, increasing the likelihood that judges and juries will also understand the event. This type of interview technique is being employed by Army CID special agents and other criminal investigators trained by **Russell Strand**, a retired U.S. Army CID special agent and the current chief of the Family Advocacy [Law Enforcement Training](#) Division at the U.S. [Army Military](#) Police School.

“Good victims are bad witnesses”, according to Strand, who explains: "Offenders are so good at what they do. They're going to use alcohol, drugs and trauma so (the victims) don't remember much." In addition, the trauma itself impacts the brain, effectively shutting down cognition and leaving the more primitive mid-brain and brainstem to experience and record the event. Strand explains, “While the more primitive portions of the brain are generally very good at recording experiential and sensory information, they do not do very well at recording the type of information law enforcement professionals have been trained to obtain, i.e., the ‘who, what, when, where, why, and how.’”

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To read the entire article please go to:

http://www.bwjp.org/forensic_experiential_trauma_interviews.aspx