



## Full Day Courses:

### **Training Title: *Beyond the Evidence: Navigating Trauma in Sexual Assault Investigations***

**Course Description:** Designed for all multidisciplinary partners responding to sexual assault and misconduct cases, this training highlights the neurobiology of trauma. It equips law enforcement personnel with essential skills for understanding trauma, supporting survivors, and conducting sensitive, trauma-informed investigations. Participants will learn strategies for empathetic interactions, effective interview techniques, and a 10-step framework for ethical investigations, reinforced through in-depth case reviews. (8 hr)

### **Learning Objectives:**

1. Analyze the concept of trauma and its correlation with sexual assault disclosures, enhancing understanding of the psychological impact on survivors.
2. Develop strategies for multi-disciplinary personnel to establish empathetic and supportive initial interactions when survivors disclose sexual assault incidents.
3. Demonstrate trauma-informed interview techniques for anyone engaged in the sensitive process of conducting sexual assault interviews.
4. Outline a comprehensive framework comprising 10 essential steps to guide detectives in the effective and ethical execution of a sexual assault criminal investigation.
5. Utilize in-depth case reviews to illustrate successful investigative approaches and highlight key learning moments, fostering a deeper comprehension of best practices in sexual assault investigations.

### **Key Topics Covered:**

- The Neurobiology of Trauma
- Understanding Trauma and Sexual Assault Disclosures
- Empathetic and Supportive Initial Interactions
- Trauma-Informed Interview Techniques
- 10 Essential Steps for Sexual Assault Investigations
- The Importance of a Collaborative Approach
- Working with Advocates and Multidisciplinary Partners
- Case Reviews and Best Practices

**Intended audience:** Designed for all multidisciplinary partners involved in responding to sexual assault/misconduct cases.



**Course Title:** *Innovative and Ethical Ways to Build Your Case: The Art of the Non-Custodial Interview, Pretext Phone Calls, and Text Messaging in Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Investigations*

**Course Description:**

This training equips law enforcement professionals with advanced, ethical techniques for building cases in sexual assault and child abuse investigations. With the increasing challenges posed by a lack of physical evidence and evolving criminal justice reforms like cashless bail, traditional custodial interviews may not always yield the necessary outcomes. This course emphasizes creative, field-based methods, such as non-custodial interviews, pretext phone calls, and controlled text messaging, to secure critical statements and admissions. Participants will learn how to safely and ethically apply these techniques in real-world investigations, particularly in cases involving vulnerable victims. The course integrates case studies, legal considerations, and hands-on practice to ensure officers can effectively apply these tools within ethical and legal boundaries.

**Learning Objectives:**

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

1. Recognize the challenges of building sexual assault and child abuse cases without physical evidence.
2. Analyze the ethical considerations and legal frameworks for conducting non-custodial interviews, pretext phone calls, and controlled texting.
3. Apply a structured protocol for using these investigative tools while ensuring officer and victim safety.
4. Understand the role of technology in capturing and documenting suspect communications.
5. Review case examples that demonstrate the successful use of non-traditional methods.
6. Practice implementing these techniques in controlled scenarios to gain confidence in real-world application.

**Key Topics Covered:**

- **The Lost Art of Field Interviews:** How non-custodial interviews can be more effective than static, in-custody interrogations.
- **Ethics and Legalities:** How to ethically apply these methods in a way that withstands legal scrutiny, particularly in suppression hearings.