

**Lansing, MI — No Registration Fee**

**April 29, 2015**

# **Advanced Law Enforcement Response to Domestic Violence**

**A Training for Law Enforcement and Allied Professionals**

**Training presentations will include:**

**Domestic Violence and Liability  
Understanding Lethality  
Self Defense and Predominant Aggressor  
Evidence Based Investigation  
Strangulation**

**Featuring Nationally Recognized Law Enforcement Trainer Michael P. LaRiviere  
And Deirdre Ford of the Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan**



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### **Where:**

**Causeway Bay Hotel**  
6820 South Cedar Street  
Lansing, Michigan 48811

### **COST:**

**NO REGISTRATION FEE**

### **Register Online:**

Registration deadline is April 24  
[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/  
MIDV2015](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MIDV2015)

### **Overnight Accommodations:**

You are responsible for providing your own overnight accommodations. A block of rooms are being held under the name "Domestic Violence Conference" at \$75/night at the Causeway Bay Hotel. To secure the \$75 rate, reservations must be made prior to **April 22, 2015**. Make your reservations today by calling: (517) 694-8123.

## **Wednesday, April 29**

### **Agenda**

**8:30-9:00 Registration**

**9:00-9:15 Welcome**

- Goals and Objectives
- Introductions

**9:15-9:45 Behind Closed Doors**

- Susan's Story

**9:45-10:15 DV Response Liability**

- What does SHALL mean to me?
- 7 most common areas of liability

*Break*

**10:30-11:45 Lethality of DV Response**

- Import Role of Call-Taker
- Identifying Critical Information
- Risk Assessment for Responding Officers
- The Unrecognized Lethality of DV Offenders

**11:45-12:45 Lunch (on your own)**

**12:45-2:15 Investigation and Prosecution I**

- Self Defense
- Predominant Aggressor

*Break*

**2:30-4:00 Investigation and Prosecution II**

- Evidence Based Investigation
- Documentation

**4:00-4:45 Strangulation**

- Identifying
- Signs, symptoms and questions to ask

**4:45-5:00 Evaluation and Closing**

## Michael P. LaRiviere

Michael LaRiviere has been a member of the Salem Police Department since 1989. His duties during his 6 years as Domestic Violence Liaison Officer (DVLO) included domestic violence investigations, policy/procedure development, and training. Michael's work has significantly changed the way domestic violence cases are investigated in Salem and surrounding communities. Michael is currently assigned to the Patrol Division where he continues to actively respond to and investigate crimes against victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse and other violent crimes. He has conducted extensive training and is certified through the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center to train law enforcement, medical, social services, and legal professionals on these issues.

Michael currently provides consultation and technical assistance nationally and has assisted in the development of training curriculums for local, state, national and military audiences. Mr. LaRiviere earned his B.S. in Human Services at Springfield College. He has been honored with a community award from HAWC (Help for Abused Women and Their Children) for taking concrete steps to end domestic violence and in 2002 he was recognized by the Office on Violence Against Women for his extraordinary contribution to the prevention of domestic violence. Office LaRiviere served as a member of the congressionally appointed Department of Defense Taskforce on Domestic Violence.



## Deirdre Ford

Deirdre "Dede" Ford is the PAAM Violence Against Women Project Training Prosecutor. Dede graduated cum laude from The Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 1995. She spent 12 years with the Calhoun County Prosecutor's Office as a Senior Assistant Trial Prosecutor. She gained extensive experience conducting felony trials, including high profile cases and Special Prosecutions in Kalamazoo, Branch and St. Joseph Counties. Her trial load consistently included criminal sexual conduct cases (adult and child victims), other assaultive crimes and narcotics cases. She served as the primary on-call Prosecutor for the Special Investigations Unit (undercover narcotics) of the Battle Creek Police Department for 5 years. During that time, she developed a search warrant training manual and taught state and local law enforcement agencies. Dede also currently teaches law enforcement as an

instructor with the Mid-Michigan Police Academy and the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards.

Dede has gained recognition for her commitment to victims and her service to the community. She is the recipient of the 2015 Lavern Brann Memorial Award for Outstanding Service in the Criminal Justice Field and the 2003 Outstanding Community Advocate, both from Sexual Assault Services of Calhoun County. From 2010-2012, Dede served as President of the Board of Directors of S.A.F.E. Place, the domestic violence shelter in Calhoun County. Previously, she received a Dedication Award from the Substance Abuse Council of Calhoun County and a Professional Excellence Citation from the Battle Creek Police Department that same year. In 2002, she was awarded the Community Commitment Award from the St. Philip Advocates Juvenile Program.