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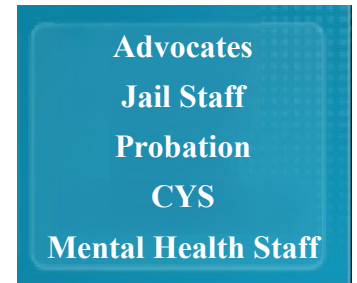
Unseen Advocates:

The Vital Role of First Responders in Domestic Violence Advocacy



May 5, 2026

Who Should Attend...



Learn to...

- Identify red flags and high-risk indicators, including strangulation
- Respond using trauma-informed strategies
- Strengthen scene safety and victim communication
- Recognize psychological trauma symptoms
- Improve interagency collaboration
- Understand the impact of DV on the brain, memory, and behavior
- Document injuries

Meet the Trainer

Jim Schmidt is a nationally certified fire officer and instructor from Long Island, NY, with over 25 years of experience in fire service, EMS, dispatch, hazmat, technical rescue, and leadership roles.

Jim's family faced unimaginable loss when their daughter, **Gabby Petito**, was murdered by her partner. Jim now focuses on **bridging gaps** in prevention and bringing domestic violence training to first responders, because together, *we can be the change.*



Gabrielle Venora Petito entered the world on March 19, 1999. Tragically, on August 27, 2021, her life was cut short at the young age of 22. She was on a cross-country road trip with her fiancé, Brian Laundrie, visiting national parks when he strangled her to death. This devastating event highlights the horrific reality that some individuals can become perpetrators of violence against those they should cherish and safeguard. Instead of safeguarding her, he committed an unforgivable act of violence, robbing her of a bright future full of possibilities. After taking the life of Gabby, the perpetrator proceeded to Florida, utilizing her van and phone to craft a facade that suggested Gabby was still alive. On September 19, 2021, Gabby's remains were discovered at Spread Creek, located near the Bridger-Teton National Forest. Brian was found dead a month later by apparent suicide.

Gabby's story made national headlines as the world looked for her, praying she was still alive. In response to her death, the Gabby Petito Foundation was born. Her story has **inspired** people around the world and will continue to help others be free from the dangers of intimate partner violence.



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*Belmont Complex Banquet Room
415 Butler Rd, Kittanning, PA 16201*

Two Sessions Available!

(You only need to attend one.)

8:00am-12:00pm

Free lunch will be served from 12:00pm-12:30pm

12:30pm-4:30pm

Training is sponsored by HAVIN, The Armstrong County VAWA STOP Coordinating Team: Award No. 43843-2

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To register: Please complete and forward one registration form per participant.

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Registration Form:

NAME: _____ ORGANIZATION: _____

EMAIL: _____ COUNTY: _____

Lunch: Yes/ No (circle)

Registration Deadline: April 24, 2026. Space is limited!

