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## Summit County Prosecutor

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## Responding to the Needs of Victims

*Summit County Prosecutor's Office Presents 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference*

AKRON, Ohio (Thursday, August 22, 2024) – As part of his ongoing mission to inform and educate the community on the needs of crime victims, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced today that his office will hold its 9<sup>th</sup> annual “Responding to the Needs of Victims” conference.

This event, titled “Strengthening Response to Domestic Violence and Strangulation”, is for people who interact with crime victims, including law enforcement, victim advocates, social workers, therapists, medical personnel, and attorneys.

**WHAT: 9<sup>th</sup> Annual “Responding to the Needs of Victims” Conference**

**WHERE: Hilton Akron/Fairlawn**

**3180 W. Market St.**

**Akron, OH 44333**

**WHEN: Friday, September 13, 2024**

**8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

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“This annual training provides a unique opportunity to learn about this new area of law and investigation, as well as how your role working with crime victims contributes to the process. Our goal is to make sure participants leave this training with a specialized knowledge of the topic and a better understanding of the importance of collaboration,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

In April of 2023, Ohio became the last state in the U.S. to make strangulation a felony. Our laws have strengthened and therefore so must our response to these crimes. The conference will focus on the signs and symptoms of strangulation, intimate partner violence, and predominant aggressor determination, identifying and documenting strangulation and trauma-informed interviewing and report writing. This knowledge will not only save lives, it will also assist in holding offenders accountable. With 23 years in law enforcement, our presenter, Police Sergeant Denise Jones, has extensive experience responding to and investigating domestic violence, stalking, strangulation, protection order violations, and sexual assault incidents.

Responding to the Needs of Victims is Friday September 13, 2024, at the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn, 3180 West Market Street in Akron. The cost is \$45.

Continuing education credits (6 hours) are approved for law enforcement officers through OPOTA. Continuing education credits (6.25 hours) are approved for nurses and EMT/EMS through the International Association of Forensic Nurses. Continuing education credits are pending for attorneys, social workers, therapists and counselors.

To register, head to the Summit County Prosecutor's Office website - <https://prosecutor.summitoh.net/home/Home.html>

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