

Biographical Data

Russell W. Strand is currently the Chief of the U.S. Army Military Police School Behavioral Sciences Education & Training Division. Mr. Strand is a retired U.S. Army CID Federal Special Agent with an excess of 39 year's law enforcement, investigative, and consultation experience. Mr. Strand has specialized expertise, experience and training in the area of domestic violence intervention, critical incident peer support, and sexual assault, trafficking in persons and child abuse investigations.

He has established, developed, produced, and conducted the U.S. Army Sexual Assault Investigations, Domestic Violence Intervention Training, Sexual Assault Investigations and Child Abuse Prevention and Investigation Techniques courses and supervised the development of the Critical Incident Peer Support course. Mr. Strand has also assisted in the development and implementation of Department of Defense (DOD) training standards, programs of instruction, and lesson plans for Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARC), victim advocates, chaplains, criminal investigators, first responders, commanders, and health professionals. He is a member of the Defense Family Advocacy Command Assistance Team and Department of the Army Fatality Review Board. He is also recognized as a national/DoDs subject matter expert and consultant in the area of spouse and child abuse, critical incident peer support and sexual violence. He routinely conducts training for national and international organizations including: Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, California Coalition Against Sexual Assault, End Violence Against Woman International, Department of Justice, Calgary Sex Crimes Services, New York State Police, Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan, and Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. Mr. Strand developed the DOD Trafficking in Persons Law Enforcement First Responders and Investigators training modules. Mr. Strand continues to conduct interviews of child and adult victims of physical and sexual abuse and provides investigative and consultation support as requested in ongoing sexual assault, domestic violence, and child abuse investigations, interventions, and military and civilian criminal trials.

Mr. Strand responded to Ft. Hood, TX following the mass shooting to provide critical incident and trauma victim interview support.

He has developed a new interview technique known as the Forensic Physiological Trauma Interview (FETI).

Mr. Strand was inducted in the United States Army Military Police Hall of Fame in 2011.

He was also selected to receive the 2012 End Violence Against Women International Visionary Award in recognition of his impact, vision and leadership in ending violence against women around the world.

Mr. Strand was also a feature subject matter expert in “The Invisible War“ documentary on sexual assault in the military, which was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Feature Length Documentary in 2013