

Susan will be giving a PowerPoint Presentation at the HHS Board meeting discussing this training they attended.

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Elder Abuse Investigation

Date: January 26-27, 2012

Location **Hermantown Police Department**
5111 Maple Grove Road
Hermantown, MN 55811

Time: 0800-1630

Instructors: Sergeant Mike Wortman-SPPD
Tara Patet-Saint Paul St. Paul City Attorney's Office
Ramsey County Elder Advocate

POST: 14 Credits

Cost: \$ 125.00

The Hermantown Police Department is sponsoring a 2-day course on **ELDER ABUSE INVESTIGATION** which will be taught by the Saint Paul Police Professional Development Institute (PDI).

This course is appropriate for law enforcement officers as well as social service and adult institution employees. This is a concern that is becoming more and more common place. **With new law changes, licensed facilities are going to be dictated to report ALL cases of possible abuse to law enforcement agencies instead of doing internal investigations and later determining that a criminal investigation may be warranted.** Topics covered will be elder abuse dynamics, statutes and remedies, initial response, investigations, physical abuse / strangulation, neglect, sexual abuse / stalking, abuse in facilities, financial exploitation, working a case. Course curriculum is from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC). Instructors supplement this material through their investigative and prosecutorial experience as well as field experience with victims. Emphasis is on a multi-disciplinary response to addressing elder abuse.

Michael Wortman is a Sergeant with SPPD currently assigned as an Investigator in the Homicide - Robbery Unit. He has 21 years of experience in Law Enforcement. Mike was the "Founding" Investigator of SPPD'S Elder Abuse Unit, and has worked on cases involving elderly & vulnerable adults/victims of abuse and fraud crimes since 2007. Mike is also an Arson Investigator.

Tara Patet is a Senior Prosecutor with the City Attorney's Office in St. Paul. She has been a prosecutor for sixteen years. She has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and political science from the University of St. Thomas and received her law degree from William Mitchell College of Law. She has worked primarily in the areas of domestic violence and is currently leading the Elder Abuse Prosecution Unit. She is active with the Minnesota Vulnerable Adult Justice Project and serves as Chair of the Criminal Code Subcommittee which has drafted and lobbied for legislative initiatives that aim to protect vulnerable adults. Additionally, she conducts domestic violence and elder abuse investigation training for law enforcement, advocates, and prosecutors on both a local and national level.

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