

Senior Special Agent (Retired) Russell W. Strand, is a co-founder & creative visionary for Strand Squared LLC. As a consultant, educator and trainer, he provides consultation, systems auditing, training, education and assistance to agencies and service providers around the world. Russ is an internationally recognized expert in child abuse and sexual assault investigations, domestic violence intervention, homicide investigations, fatality review, trauma response, human trafficking and culture change.

As a career law enforcement professional, trainer, educator, writer, and consultant, Russ has distinguished himself as an integral member of the criminal justice community his entire adult life with a career in law enforcement started in 1975. His first 22 years was served as a law enforcement professional culminating as a senior special agent for the United States Army Criminal Investigations Command. Followed by 20 years as the Chief of the U.S. Army Military Police Behavioral Sciences Education & Training Division.

Over the course of his career, Russ remained a highly respected and a sought-after speaker, educator, and consultant who trained & educated more than 500,000 military and civilian professionals. Further, Russ was selected by the Secretary of Defense to serve on the Congressionally Mandated Response Systems to Adult Sexual Assault as a member of the Comparative Systems Subcommittee.

He was also a featured 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.

After a 40- year career, in 2016, Russell co-founded a consultation firm where he provided education to over 20,000 people around the world in his first year. In 2017, he and his wife partnered up professionally and where they trained and educated more than 30,000 professionals.

Russ has been awarded over two dozen different awards for his tireless efforts to protection victims of crime including the 2012 End Violence Against Women International Visionary Award and the St. Luke’s Health Systems Forensic Committee Visionary Award. He was also awarded the Military Police Regiments highest awards including the Order of the Marechaussee Medal in Silver and was inducted into the United States Army Military Police Regimental Hall of Fame.

With more than four decades of investigative, training, and consultation experience, Russ is a dedicated learner. He believes that continuous and rigorous study is the only way to remain relevant. He stresses that the body of knowledge is continuously growing and changing and we must grow and change with it. With that- he asserts that what he is teaching today will evolve into something different as he learns more.

Russ is unconditionally dedicated to continuing his work to build a world that doesn’t currently exist. A world in which every victim of abuse and trauma has confidence in reporting their experience and has a genuine voice that is truly heard. A world where every perpetrator of abuse is held accountable for their actions. A world in which all professionals responding to trauma and abuse are properly educated and feel confident in all they do. And a world in which we significantly reduce or eliminate all forms of criminal violence and abuse.

Russ lives in Flagstaff, Arizona with his wife Myra, son and dog- Yet