

Autism Awareness Training for First Responders

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Friday April 20, 2018
09:00-2:00 PM

Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response
392 Creek Rd. Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Presented by: Bill Cannata, Captain, Westwood Fire Department (MA); and Coordinator, for the Autism and Law Enforcement Education Coalition (ALEC). The Captain brings unique perspective to this training not only as a 35 year career in the fire service but as a parent of a child with ASD. Police Lt. Jimmy Donohue, creator of the *“Take Me Home Program”* a database for participants who are unable to speak to register in the database so first responder can provide special assistance.

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is the fastest growing neurobiological condition in the world. Because of this, firefighters, EMS, law enforcement, and public safety personnel are more likely than ever to encounter a person with ASD during an emergency response. And because autism can impair a person’s ability to communicate and relate to others, these calls can become high risk for both the responder and a person with ASD.

By attending this training you will learn to:

- identify the characteristics and behavior of a person with ASD
- effectively communicate with a person with ASD
- respond to an emergency involving a person with ASD
- build relationships with the ASD community
- utilize special tactics, rescue techniques, and patient care options

To register: visit- <https://www.research.net/r/ZFNDK3N>

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