

# Disability Awareness Training Newsletter

## National Guide Dog Month



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Hello,

As the university welcomes back its students, we are reminded of all the ways individuals access their campus and community. Individuals who have low vision or are blind may utilize a guide dog for this very reason. Service animals should be respected for the purpose they serve, allowing for greater independence specific to their owner's needs.

For more information on guide dogs, visit the National Association of Guide Dog Users: [www.nagdu.org](http://www.nagdu.org).

### Central Pennsylvania Contracts with NU for Multi-Disciplinary Train the Trainer

The **Southern Central Mountains Regional Task Force**, led by Blair County Emergency Management, has collaborated with NU FRDAT to bring Law Enforcement, Fire/EMS, and 911 Dispatch Train the Trainer programs to 8 counties in Central PA.



Initiated by the **Center for Independent Living of South Central PA**, Blair County OEM understood the importance and worked directly with the NU FRDAT office to establish training from November 16-19 in Altoona, Pennsylvania.

This will be NU FRDAT's first venture into the state.

### WNY Emergency Management Workshop Success, EM Disability Awareness Date Set



Project Director Dave Whalen teamed up with **FEMA Region II Disability Integration Specialist Jim Flemming** to provide introductory educational sessions on the importance of emergency managers including people with disabilities and other access and functional needs in the planning process.

The sessions laid the groundwork for core advisory groups to be

[NYSILC Needs Assessment for New Yorkers with Disabilities](#)

**New Resources**

[BIANYS Certified Brain Injury Specialist Training](#)

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**Related Events**

Oct 8 ADA Webinar: [Making Your ShakeOut Earthquake Drill Accessible to People with Disabilities](#)

Oct 19: [UB Alberti Center for Bullying Abuse Prevention 2015 Conference](#)

Oct 29 The Arc NCJDD Webinar: [Sex Offenders with Autism Spectrum Disorder](#)

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initiated within each county. This concept emphasizes individuals with disabilities as assets in the development of emergency and disaster preparedness and planning.

A total of 83 individuals attended the four workshops across Erie, Genesee, Livingston, and Niagara counties. Jim and his assistant Alex Rico then traveled to Central New York and provided the program to six more counties.

**NU FRDAT will conduct a one-day Emergency Management Disability Awareness & Access and Functional Needs Training on Tuesday, December 15 on Niagara University's campus. This program is FREE, funded by the Peter and Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation. [Click here to register.](#)**

**Project Director to Present at IACP Conference & Sit on Civil Rights Committee**



Project Director Dave Whalen will be attending the **2015 International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference** in Chicago, Illinois next month. Invited by the Department of Justice Community Relations Service, he will be participating in a Civil Rights Committee on Saturday, October 24. He will also be presenting in a poster session on Tuesday, October 27.

This is a great opportunity to learn what the program has to offer and be introduced to the full scope of the training, to include the resource and trainer manuals.

**New Signs Added to ASL Library!**

NU FRDAT partnered with Western New York Deaf Access Services to expand its American Sign Language video library. 40 new signs specific to first/emergency response and basic conversation are now available on our website. [Click here to visit the library.](#)

**NU FRDAT TRAINING SCHEDULE**

Oct 13 - [New Jersey Firefighter/EMS Disability Awareness Training](#)

Oct 14 - [New Jersey 911 Dispatchers Disability Awareness Training](#)

October 13-14 - [New Jersey Law Enforcement DAT \(2 sessions\)](#)

Nov 2, 3, 9, & 10 - [Southern Erie \(NY\) Fire/EMS Train the Trainer](#)

November 4-5 - [Erie \(NY\) Law Enforcement Train the Trainer](#)

Nov 10 - [WNY Disability Education & Awareness for Municipalities](#)


Nov 13-14 - [Dutchess County \(NY\) Fire/EMS Train the Trainer](#)

Nov 16-17 - [Central Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Train the Trainer](#)

Nov 16-18 - [Central Pennsylvania Fire/EMS Train the Trainer](#)

Nov 18-19 - [Central Pennsylvania 911 Dispatch Train the Trainer](#)

Nov 30-Dec 1 - [Little Rock \(AR\) Law Enforcement Train the Trainer](#)



**Dec 2** - [Little Rock \(AR\) 911 Dispatch Train the Trainer](#)

**Dec 3-4** - Little Rock (AR) Fire/EMS Train the Trainer (registration TBA)

**Dec 15** - [WNY Emergency Management Disability Awareness Training](#)