

Disability Awareness Training Newsletter

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH



First Responders Disability Awareness Training

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ATTENTION: NYS FIRST RESPONDER TRAINERS

If you have gone through and received your certification to be a trainer, please let us know when you are scheduling your department's training.

Upcoming Trainings

[Fire/EMS Train the Trainer - Ontario County NY](#)

Ontario Co Training Fac
2914 County Rd #48
Canandaigua, NY 14424
Fri Oct 3 7pm-10pm
Sat Oct 4 8am-5pm

[LE Train the Trainer - LETDANYS Conference](#)

Holiday Inn Saratoga Springs
232 Broadway
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
Weds Oct 1 1:45pm-4:30pm
Thurs Oct 2 9am-5pm

Dear Samantha,

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY? Do you have a ready kit set to go? Is your shelter accessible for people with disabilities? Are you familiar with the access and functional needs population in your community? Do you have a committee on disabilities that you meet with to discuss emergency management and preparedness? These, and other questions, need to be addressed in order to properly respond and ensure adequate and appropriate preparedness for people with disabilities in your area. For answers to these questions and more info on how to properly respond to the disability community, visit our website frdat.niagara.edu or www.fema.gov/office-disability-integration-coordination.

New Jersey CDD Approves Mini-Grant with NU

On September 25th, the **New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities** approved a mini-grant with **Values Into Action NJ (Values-NJ)** to introduce First Responder Disability Awareness Training to the state's first responders.



www.valuesintoactionnj.org

Values-NJ, in collaboration with Niagara University, will sponsor an introduction of First Responders Disability Awareness Training (FR-DAT). Values-NJ and NU will provide introductory FR-DAT for law enforcement and firefighters/emergency medical services (FF/EMS) in the state of New Jersey. The intent is to provide one 3-hour session per discipline over two days reaching between 75 and 150 first responders. The curriculum will be refined and tailored to align with NJ law and needs. We anticipate training to be conducted in the springtime.

NU meets with U.S. Department of Justice



www.justice.gov

Niagara University met with the **United States Department of Justice (DOJ)** to discuss Disability Awareness Training on Tuesday, September 16th.

Dr. Timothy Ireland, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at NU, and David Whalen, FRDAT Project Director, were contacted by the DOJ to discuss and provide input into the initiative identified by **U.S.**

Attorney General Eric Holder to address Law Enforcement Disability Awareness Training. The meeting was extremely productive which led to a second meeting on September 30. The DOJ will be travelling to campus in October for a work session to learn about the training in its entirety and how it can be implemented within law enforcement agencies across the nation.

Project Director Featured Speaker at UB

Project Director David Whalen kicked off University of Buffalo's **Alberti Center for Bullying Abuse and Prevention** 2014-2015 Colloquium Series on Tuesday, September 23rd. His presentation, "**How Lack of Education on Disabilities Promotes Bullying: What You Need to Know to Prevent It**" was well-received by the almost 30 people who attended the



www.buffalo.edu

**Fire/EMS Train the Trainer -
Niagara County NY**

*Public Safety Training Fac
5574 Niagara St Extension
Lockport, NY 14095
Mon Nov 3 7pm-10pm
Weds Nov 5 7pm-10pm
Thurs Nov 6 7pm-10pm
Mon Nov 10 7pm-10pm*

**Fire/EMS Train the Trainer -
Montgomery County NY**

*Montgomery Co Off Bldg
64 Broadway
Fonda, NY 12068
Fri Nov 14 7pm-10pm
Sat Nov 15 8am-5pm*

**LE Train the Trainer -
Monroe County NY**

*(rescheduled from Sept)
Public Safety Training Center
1190 Scottsville Road
Rochester, NY 14624
Tues Dec 9 8:30a-4:30p
Weds Dec 10 8:30a-4:30p*

program.

NU FRDAT looks forward to collaborating with the Alberti Center and Dr. Amanda Nickerson on future initiatives related to prevention of bullying, abuse and victimization.

NU FRDAT Projects

App Development

Project Director David Whalen met with Dr. Yonghong Tong, Assistant Professor of Computer Information Sciences at NU, who has begun working on the development of a mobile application that will mirror the FRDAT resource manual. This will allow first responders to access extensive information on their phones while in the field.

Intern Projects

NU Social Work intern Rachael Campbell and Sociology intern Nicole Wawro have joined the FRDAT office for the fall semester. Rachael is charged with researching domestic violence involving people with disabilities and shelter accessibility and Nicole is researching people with disabilities and the correctional system.

NU Marketing interns Gabby Balsadore and Valerie McQuade have also joined the office for the fall semester. They are responsible for developing a national marketing strategy for FRDAT.

To note, NU FRDAT Advisory Council will take place on Thursday, October 9.