



January 2014

## Disability Awareness Training Newsletter

### Start of a New Year

#### Articles of Interest

["Feds To Fund Tracking Devices For Kids With Autism"](#)

["Caretaker hurt while trying to save group home residents"](#)

["The legacy of Ethan Saylor"](#)

#### Upcoming Trainings

##### [Firefighter/EMS Train the Trainer - Sullivan County](#)

Fri. Feb. 21 (7pm-10pm) & Sat. Feb. 22 (8am-5pm) at the Sullivan County Emergency Services Training Center in Swan Lake, NY. Click link to register.

##### [Firefighter/EMS Train the Trainer - Westchester County](#)

Fri. March 7 (7pm-10pm) & Sat. March 8 (8am-5pm) at the Westchester County Department of Emergency Services in Valhalla, NY. Click link to register.

##### [Firefighter/EMS Train the Trainer - Suffolk County](#)

Fri. March 28 (7pm-10pm) & Sat. March 29 (8am-5pm) at the Suffolk County Department of Health Services EMS Division in Yaphank, NY. Click link to register.

##### [Law Enforcement Train the Trainer - Erie County](#)

Tues. April 1 (8:30am-4:30pm) & Weds. April 2 (8:30am-4:30pm) at the Erie County Law Enforcement Training Academy in Williamsville, NY. Click link to email Scott Neff at DCJS to register.

Dear David,

With the new year comes new energy. Our office is diligently working to provide you with first hand information and programming to ensure your municipality, police department, fire department, and EMS agency are proactively prepared and educated to both respond to and work with the disability community. In 2014, we will be sending out a monthly newsletter to ensure correspondence is steady and updates are frequent. That said, our website will always provide the most comprehensive information.

We look forward to working with you and appreciate your continued support.

**ANOTHER CHANCE TO REGISTER! - Onondaga County Firefighter/EMS Train the Trainer rescheduled**  
Please be aware that the Firefighter/EMS Disability Awareness Train the Trainer in Onondaga County on January 24th & 25th has been rescheduled for **May 2nd & 3rd**. [Click here to register](#).

Town Hall Training Expansion  
Grant Awarded, Graduate Follow-Up

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New York State Independent Living Council received a New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council grant, and will collaborate with Niagara University to expand our Town Hall Training program. NU anticipates the Dan D'Andrea Trust to continue its commitment through 2015.



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With this expansion comes more involvement and follow-up with our graduates. Our new social work student intern, Taryn Hewitt, will be contacting ALL Town Hall Training graduates to assess the completion of duties and responsibilities and the current status of municipal committees.

**Law Enforcement Train the Trainer - Essex County**

Thurs. April 10 (8:30am-4:30pm) & Fri. April 11 8:30am-4:30pm) at the Essex County Public Safety Building in Lewis, NY. Click link to email Scott Neff at DCJS to register.

**Firefighter/EMS Train the Trainer - Essex County**

Fri. April 11 (7pm-10pm) & Sat. April 12 (8am-5pm) at the Essex County Public Safety Building in Lewis, NY. Click link to register.

**Firefighter/EMS Train the Trainer - Wayne/Ontario County**

Fri. April 25 (7pm-10pm) & Sat. April 26 (8am-5pm) at the Wayne County Public Safety Building in Lyons, NY. Click link to register.

**Firefighter/EMS Train the Trainer - Onondaga County**

Fri. May 2 (7pm-10pm) & Sat. May 3 (8am-5pm) at the Fayetteville Firehouse in Fayetteville, NY. Click link to register.

**Firefighter/EMS Train the Trainer - Otsego County**

Fri. May 16 (7pm-10pm) & Sat. May 17 (8am-5pm)  
Address TBD

**Law Enforcement Training Recognition**



New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo identified law enforcement training for individuals with disabilities in his 2014 State of the State address. [Click here to view it.](#)

The Maryland Commission for Effective Community Inclusion of Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities published its first report on Ethan Saylor's birthday, January 9th, and noted Niagara University's First Responder Disability Awareness Training program. NU's project director has provided advisement to this group. [Click here to read it.](#)

**Project Director Activities**

David V. Whalen

Our Project Director, Dave Whalen, has recently accepted an invitation to join the National Center on Criminal Justice and Disability Advisory Council.



[www.thearc.org](http://www.thearc.org)



[www.nysema.org](http://www.nysema.org)

Dave will be presenting at the New York State Emergency Managers Association Conference on February 12th in Syracuse, NY.



Dave will also be presenting at the New York State Association of Towns' 2014 Training School and Annual Meeting on February 18th in New York City.

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