

# Disability Awareness Training Newsletter

## Bullying, Domestic Violence, Disability Employment, AND Down Syndrome Awareness Month



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### Recent News

[Update on Ethan Saylor lawsuit](#)

[Feds Warn Schools On Bullying Of Kids With Disabilities](#)

[City Revamps Emergency Plan for People With Disabilities](#)

### FEMA Webinar Series

**ADA National Network FEMA Webinar Series:**

Emergency Management & Preparedness - Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities

Next webinar: November 13

Dear Samantha,

As you can see, several areas of interest relative to individuals with disabilities have identified October as their month. What's important to understand is that all these areas are linked in some way or another. We hope you were able to take time to better educate yourself and recognize the importance of awareness in your line of duty relative to each topic. For more information, visit our website.



### FRDAT Featured in Federal Agency Blog



**First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet)**, an independent authority

within the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration, published a blog featured NU's First Responder Disability Awareness Training program. [Click here to view the blog.](#)

### Law Enforcement Training Directors Conference a Success



In what was a variation from the standard Train the Trainer sessions that have been held at academies across the state of New York, Project Director Dave Whalen was the **Featured Speaker at the Law Enforcement Training Directors Association of New York State Conference**, held in Saratoga, NY October 1 & 2.

18 officers representing 15 departments received certification to now provide Disability Awareness Training within their departments and academies. This brings the total law enforcement training coordinators to 155, equating to 81 departments that will be educated on how to properly respond to people with disabilities. Below is an unsolicited testimony forwarded to NU's Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences:

**"I am writing to let you know that last week, I attended the train-the-trainer for FIRST RESPONDERS - DISABILITY AWARENESS TRAINING at the Law Enforcement Training Director's meeting in Saratoga Springs taught by David Whalen. In my over thirty-years of law-enforcement**

[Click here to see the schedule](#)

### Are you interested in our training?

#### NEW YORK STATE FIRST RESPONDERS

- if you are interested in the FF/EMS, LE, or 911 Operators Train the Trainer program, we are putting together our spring training schedule. Contact us for more information.

#### OUT OF STATE FIRST RESPONDERS

- for more information to bring our training program to your region, contact us.

#### Upcoming Trainings

##### Fire/EMS Train the Trainer - Niagara Co 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 Co

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 Ctr  
1190 Scottsville Road  
Rochester, NY 14624  
Tues Dec 9 8:30a-4:30p  
Weds Dec 10 8:30-4:30

experience, I have attended many, many trainings, including the prestigious FBI National Academy. I must say that David's presentation was on par with the finest trainings I've attended. I must admit, at the start, I was not overly enthused to find out that we would be spending two (2) entire days on this topic...HOWEVER, David's passion and energy for the topic kept me interested and tuned in and I learned more about common disabilities that law-enforcement is most likely to come in contact with then I even knew existed. The instructor/trainer notebook and PowerPoints were as professional as I have seen and very easy to understand and teach from. Kudos to Niagara University for this program and for DAVID WHALEN. The presentation was inspiring and once I returned I took immediate steps to incorporate what I had learned into teachings at the recruit and in-service levels."

- Law Enforcement Academy Director

### Support the Public Safety Officer Disability Benefit Law

Public Safety Officers that are seriously and permanently injured in the line-of-duty receive a Federal disability benefit from the United States Department of Justice. This law was created November 29, 1990, it's called the **Public Safety Officer Disability Benefit Law**. Public Safety Officers that were seriously and permanently injured prior to this date can't apply for this benefit.

Congressman Tom Reed, NY & Congresswoman Louise Slaughter, NY have reintroduced into the 113th Congress HR-5292. This bill will **provide disability benefits to officers disabled before the enactment of the Federal public safety officer disability benefit law**. Support this Federal bill and write to your Congressperson and ask that they support this bill and sign on as co-sponsor.

[Click here for more information](#)

### In other news...



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

program across the country.



support.

Project Director hosted the **Center for Healthcare Education President, Cindy Tait**. NU FRDAT will be establishing a working relationship with the Center, which will provide national accreditation for the upcoming EMS online training and bring the Train the Trainer

NU FRDAT received a \$5,000 donation from **Sprint 711 Relay**. 711 Relay has also contributed to the 911 Operators Train the Trainer. NU sincerely appreciates their