

# Disability Awareness Training Newsletter

## Autism Awareness Month



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**ADA National Network FEMA Webinar Series**

Emergency Management & Prep - Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities

UPCOMING WEBINAR:

**Dear Samantha,**

Autism has been in the headlines for several years now, maybe the disability that garners the most media attention. That began with the drive of advocates, parents, service providers, and individuals with the disability assuring that the general public attempt to understand characteristics, needs, challenges, and stigma.

We highlight awareness months to allow first responders to take notice of what they need to do to address and/or improve their knowledge of specific disabilities so their response is accurate and appropriate. Training is only the beginning; self-education, outreach, and acceptance brings about true change. Remember, when you meet *one* person with autism, you only met *one* person with autism.

### 911 Dispatcher Train the Trainer to Debut!

NU FRDAT has completed the 911 Dispatcher Disability Awareness Train the Trainer curriculum and will be debuting the program in Batavia, New York in June. The training will be hosted by the **Genesee County Sheriff's Office** on Monday June 22 and Tuesday June 23. People are already signing up so register and get your seat today! [Click here to register.](#)



Project Director Dave Whalen will also be presenting the material and results from this debut at the **National Emergency Numbers Association Conference** in Denver, Colorado. Dave will arrive on Sunday June 28 and present at 4pm on Monday June 29.

### Project Director Attends "Next Step" Access & Functional Needs Trainer Course

For the second month in a row, Project Director Dave Whalen traveled to Emmitsburg, MD to attend FEMA's Office of Disability Integration & Coordination (ODIC) Access & Functional Needs Instructor Training Course (E/L09192) at the National Emergency Training Center's Emergency Management Institute. This is the next step towards becoming a FEMA ODIC trainer. The ultimate goal of this training is to educate individuals responsible for emergency management and preparedness in all aspects of response to individuals with disabilities and access and functional needs.

### 2015 ILEETA Conference

Project Director Dave Whalen and Project Manager Sam Morgan attended the 2015 International Law Enforcement Educators &

[May 14 - "FEMA Promising Practices: Closing Gaps in Local Emergency Plans and Grassroots Emergency Planning"](#)

[The Arc National Center on Criminal Justice & Disability Upcoming Webinars](#)

[July 30 - "Sex Offenders with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities: Problems & Solutions from Around the Nation"](#)

[National Survey - Impact of the ADA](#)

The Southwest ADA Center is carrying out research to investigate the impact of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). As part of this research, they are asking people who have personal or professional experience on disability issues to complete this survey. [Click here to participate.](#)

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Trainers Association Conference in Wheeling, IL. There was a great turnout, with 100 vendors and 200+ presentations. Dave conducted 2 presentations to 18 officers from 8 states and the Netherlands.



#### **NU FRDAT TRAINING SCHEDULE**

**May 18-19** - [Jefferson County \(NY\) Fire/EMS Train the Trainer](#)

**May 29-30** - [Broome County \(NY\) Fire/EMS Train the Trainer](#)

**June 1, 3, 6** - [Erie County \(NY\) Fire/EMS Train the Trainer](#)

**June 9** - New Jersey Fire/EMS and 911 Dispatch Introductions ([email slmorgan@niagara.edu to register](mailto:slmorgan@niagara.edu))

**June 10** - New Jersey Law Enforcement Introduction (registration closed)

**June 11-12** - [National Law Enforcement Train the Trainer @ NU](#)

**June 22-23** - [Genesee County \(NY\) 911 Dispatch Train the Trainer](#)

**Aug 3-4** - Arkansas Fire/EMS Train the Trainer @ Arkansas Fire Training Academy (registration forthcoming)

**Aug 5-6** - Arkansas Law Enforcement Train the Trainer @ Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy (registration forthcoming)

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

**Nov 30-Dec 1** - Arkansas Law Enforcement Train the Trainer @ Little Rock Criminal Justice Institute (registration forthcoming)

**Dec 2** - Arkansas 911 Dispatch Train the Trainer @ Little Rock Criminal Justice Institute (registration forthcoming)

**Dec 3-4** - Arkansas Fire/EMS Train the Trainer @ Little Rock Fire Department (registration forthcoming)