

# Disability Awareness Training Newsletter

## Americans with Disabilities Act 25th Anniversary



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Dear Samantha,

On July 26, the United States celebrated 25 years of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a national mandate to eliminate discrimination of people with disabilities. The silver anniversary can boast many accomplishments, while also exposing the gaps that still need to be addressed.

For more information on the ADA, [www.ADA.gov](http://www.ADA.gov), 800-514-0301.



President Obama Celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the ADA



### NU FRDAT to Create Healthcare DAT

Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center and NU FRDAT are coming together to develop disability awareness training specific to hospital personnel. The NFMMC will establish an advisory board that will work with Project Director Dave Whalen.

Another healthcare provider has also expressed interest in this customized training.

**ADA National  
Network  
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**Emergency  
Management & Prep -  
Inclusion of Persons  
with Disabilities**

**AUGUST 13, 2015 -  
Strengthening  
Emergency  
Communication  
Strategies Among  
Responders and  
People who are  
Disproportionally  
Impacted**

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**NU FRDAT to Debut in Arkansas**

Project Director Dave Whalen will travel to **East Camden, Arkansas** next week to debut the Law Enforcement and Firefighter/EMS Disability Awareness Train the Trainer programs. Arkansas is the second state after New York to fully fund the First Responder Disability Awareness Training project. The NU FRDAT office and **Arkansas Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council** are very excited to launch the program in their state.



NU FRDAT will return in the winter for a second round of Fire/EMS and LE trainings and also to debut the 911 Train the Trainer as well. See training schedule below for training dates.

**Progress Report**



NU FRDAT and the United States Department of Justice Community Relations Service are close to finalizing a law enforcement disability awareness training specific to intellectual disabilities and autism.

- Project Director Dave Whalen continues discussions with the New York State Justice Center on expanded training opportunities for law enforcement. NU FRDAT is also exploring having the Center's training academy become the Eastern hub for DAT.

- The EMS Disability Awareness Online Training is under review by the Center for Healthcare Education. CHE will be giving feedback and vetting the program.

- The 911 Dispatch Disability Awareness Train the Trainer is under review by the National Emergency Numbers Association. NENA and NU FRDAT are in discussion on how to bring the program across the country.

**NU FRDAT TRAINING SCHEDULE**

**Aug 3-4 - [East Camden \(AR\) Law Enforcement Train the Trainer](#)**

**Aug 5-6 - [East Camden \(AR\) Fire/EMS Train the Trainer](#)**

**Sept 15-16 - [Albany County \(NY\) Law Enforcement Train the Trainer](#)**


**September 28-29 - [Niagara County \(NY\) 911 Dispatch Train the Trainer](#)**

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

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

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

**Nov 13-14 - [Dutchess County \(NY\) Fire/EMS 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)