

Disability Awareness Training Newsletter

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Dear Samantha,

While the official date of the 25th anniversary of the ADA has passed, we will continue to recognize and celebrate it by providing educational materials and resources.



FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate speaks to the importance of the Americans with Disabilities Act on its 25th anniversary.

For more information on the ADA, visit www.ADA.gov or call 800-514-0301.

WNY Access & Functional Needs Core Advisory Group Work Session Rescheduled!

[CLICK HERE FOR THE EVENT FLYER](#)

Jim Flemming, FEMA Region II Disability Integration Specialist, will be coming to Western New York to discuss the Core Advisory Group and Access and Functional Needs concept for expanding the participation of persons with disabilities within county emergency management planning.

Dave Whalen, Project Director at Niagara University's First Responder Disability Awareness Training and New York's Access and Functional Needs trainer, will do an introductory presentation on what this entails and how municipalities can benefit from embracing the concept of the whole community.

Current promising practices will be discussed as well as the challenges faced when this is not implemented.

GENESEE COUNTY - Tues. Sept. 8, 9:30am-11:30am
LIVINGSTON COUNTY - Tues. Sept. 8, 1:30pm-3:30pm
NIAGARA COUNTY - Weds. Sept. 9, 9:30am-11:30am
ERIE COUNTY - Weds. Sept. 9, 1:30pm-3:30pm (limited seats remain)

[Depression Awareness for Students](#)

ADA National Network FEMA Webinar Series

[September 10 - FEMA Promising Practices: Preparedness for People with Chemical Sensitivity and People with Developmental Disabilities](#)

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Email Project Manager Samantha Morgan slmorgan@niagara.edu to register. Please include name, contact info, department/position, and which session you want to attend.

Second New York 911 Dispatcher Train the Trainer on campus next month!

NU FRDAT is excited to host on campus the second NY 911 Dispatch Disability Awareness Train the Trainer. The first session in Batavia, NY in mid-June was very well received. All 16 attendees indicated on their evaluations that they would recommend the training to other dispatchers. Here are some comments:

"Instructor was great, very knowledgeable. Content was valuable and interesting. I think this training will be a big hit and will be around for many, many years!"

"Great program, long overdue for PSAP setting."

Session will be held September 28 & 29 at Niagara University. [Click here to register.](#)

Upcoming Projects

- Project Director David Whalen will be meeting with local FBI agents, some of which are graduates of the Law Enforcement Disability Awareness Train the Trainer program, to develop a training specific to the needs of FBI agents in dealing with people with disabilities. Dave has also been asked to present his program to the Buffalo field office on a date to be determined in October.

- Project Director David Whalen met with Niagara County (NY) Sheriff and NYS Sheriffs Association President James Voutour. Topics included corrections officer training, 911 dispatcher training accreditation, and recognition of the need for training at the national level.

- NU FRDAT partnered with Deaf Access Services of Western New York to shoot a video emphasizing the benefits and importance of Video Remote Interpretation (VRI). The shoot included several staff from DAS as well as a Niagara County sheriff deputy and firefighters/EMTs from the Upper Mountain and Town of Niagara Fire Departments.

NU FRDAT TRAINING SCHEDULE

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)