



Greetings!

NU FR-DAT continues to build momentum as we move toward achieving our 2017 objectives. We have secured several new training dates and confirmed our attendance at some very important conferences such as Missouri Emergency Medical Services Association (MEMSA) in Columbia, MO, International Academies of Emergency Dispatch (IAED) and the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) 2017 in San Antonio, TX.

We look forward to welcoming our Niagara University FRDAT Advisory Council to campus on February 16, as we convene to discuss and expand on our work ahead for 2017.

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NYS Developmental Disabilities Planning Council Awards Grant to NU for Emergency Management Training

Niagara Frontier Publications

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Niagara University's first responder disability awareness training program has received a three-year, \$320,000 grant from the New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council.

The award will fund the development of training in New York state for emergency managers, those who have a role in emergency response, individuals with disabilities and service provider agencies. Its intent is to educate these constituents on planning, preparedness, response and recovery for individuals with disabilities.

NU FRDAT project director David Whalen will oversee the grant and its development, ensuring its full implementation through continued work with several state offices, including the Office of Emergency Management and the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities. He will also be working closely with the disability community in the development of core advisory groups that recognize individuals with disabilities as partners in the planning process.

[Read the full article, click here.](#)

Project Director Dave Whalen and his son David train law enforcement in Erie County, NY.



Dave Whalen had his son David join him to co-present the Physical Disabilities section to an audience of 23 law enforcement professionals. NU encourages first responders to partner with qualified advocates from the disability community to co-present with them. Dave also had Amy Heider, deaf advocate and adjunct professor of Deaf Studies from NU, join him for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing section.

The training was conducted at the Cheektowaga, NY Police Department. Participating in the two-day Train-the-Trainer program individuals from the following agencies: Erie County Sheriff's Office, Cheektowaga Police Department, NYS University Police at Buffalo State College, U.S. Marshals Service, Town of Tonawanda Police, City of Tonawanda Police, Kenmore Police, MVCC Police Academy, Niagara County Probation, New York State Police, and U.S. Customs & Border Protection from the Department of Homeland Security.



Disability Awareness Training for SUNY Old Westbury & Canton University Police

Project Director David Whalen presented at the State University at New York Chiefs of Police conference in November. From that there has been high interest in the full training for their officers. The University Police Departments at SUNY consist of 27 such departments throughout the state university system. All University Police Department members are certified New York State Police Officers with the same authority as

any other state, local or municipal police officers.

SUNY Old Westbury University Police

Date: Friday, March 24, 2017

Time: 8:00am - 5:00pm

Location: Old Westbury, NY

SUNY Canton University Police

Date: Monday, April 3, 2017

Public Community Session: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

University Police Session: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Location: SUNY Canton, 34 Cornell Drive, Canton, NY 13617



**UPCOMING FIRST RESPONDERS DISABILITY
AWARENESS TRAINING**

Please mark your calendars and make your colleagues aware of these upcoming NU FRDAT Train-the-Trainer program opportunities.

March 7 & 8 - Onondaga County - Syracuse, NY

Law Enforcement Disability Awareness Train-the-Trainer

**March 14 & 15 - Albany, NY - New York State Police
Academy**

Law Enforcement Disability Awareness Train-the-Trainer

There are no fees to attend these courses for New York state law enforcement. However, officers from other states are welcome to attend for a fee.

Visit: <http://calendar.dcjs.state.ny.us/>, and click on the link there. **[Download the application by clicking here.](#)**

If you have any questions about registering for these trainings, please contact Senior Training Technician Michael Orticelle by email at michael.orticelle@dcjs.ny.gov or by telephone at (518) 485-7642.

April 4 & 5 - Buffalo, NY

911 Operator/Dispatcher Disability Awareness Training

For more information on 911 Operator/Dispatch training contact:

NU FRDAT Office
716-286-7355
frdat@niagara.edu

April 10 & 11 - New Orleans, LA

NENA Workshop at Navigator 2017 in New Orleans

911 Operator/Dispatcher Disability Awareness Training

Train the Trainer

2-day Program

Fee: \$ 199.00

Date: Monday, April 10 - Tuesday, April 11

Time: 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Instructor: Dave Whalen

The program is comprehensive across the disability spectrum, addressing disabilities 911 operators/dispatchers will encounter with most frequency and how to appropriately interact and address them most effectively. Understanding characteristics of individuals, the ability to identify disabilities and how to best address the incident will be emphasized. [Click this link to register for course and conference.](#)



NU FRDAT Scheduled to Train Erie County and Buffalo Police Academy Recruits

With the new state mandated expansion of the Basic Course for Police Officers that includes the entire curriculum developed by NU

FRDAT, the Erie County and Buffalo Police Law Enforcement Academies have secured Program Director Dave Whalen to present to the recruits. Dave will be presenting at the **Erie County Police Academy on February 20** and the **Buffalo Police Academy on March 31**.

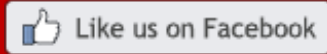


Upcoming Conferences & Training Sessions

- **March 27, 2017 - March 28, 2017**
 - Conference - [Missouri Crisis Intervention Team Conference - Columbia, MO](#)
- **March 29, 2017 - March 31, 2017**
 - Conference - [Missouri EMS Council ICE Spring Break Conference - Columbia, MO](#)
- **April 10, 2017 - April 11, 2017**
 - Conference - NENA Navigator - [Disability Awareness Train the Trainer Two-day Workshop at NENA Navigator 2017. New Orleans, LA](#)
- **April 12, 2017 - April 14, 2017**
 - Conference - International Academies of Emergency Dispatch [IAED Navigator 2017 - The Premiere conference for Police, Fire, and Medical Dispatch. New Orleans, LA](#)
 - **NU FRDAT 911 Operator/Dispatch Training to be conducted on Thursday, April 13.**
- **April 23, 2017 - April 25, 2017**
 - Conference - [The SEHSA Environmental Health and Safety Association of NY - Fairport, NY](#)
 - Program Director Dave Whalen will appear as the Keynote Speaker on Monday, April 24, 2017
- **May 9, 2017**
 - Training - Law Enforcement Disability Awareness Training - Baltimore, MD
 - Hosted by Sheppard Pratt Health System
 - Registration details to be announced soon
- **June 3, 2017 - June 8, 2017**

- Conference - [National Emergency Numbers Assn \(NENA \) Conference & Expo - San Antonio, TX](#)

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