



Greetings!

With November, Thanksgiving is upon us. It is a time to offer thanks, of family gatherings, and holiday meals.

Part of our giving thanks is for the individuals who put the time and effort into ensuring a safe community, advocate on behalf of those that are discriminated against, and recognize diversity as a way of life.

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# November Newsletter

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**New York State Developmental  
Disabilities Planning Council  
Awards NU-FRDAT Emergency  
Management Grant**

The Niagara University First  
Responders Disability Awareness

Training program has been awarded the New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC) Emergency Management Grant. Objectives include training for emergency management personnel and establish core advisory groups that represent the disability community in an active role in the planning, preparedness, response, and recovery process.


The three year grant will allow for development of a training curriculum that addresses all areas of need for both emergency management personnel and individuals with disabilities, to include a comprehensive curriculum.



*Graduates of the Montana FF/EMS training and Montana State Independent Living Council's Bill Harrant (far right).*

### **Disability Awareness Training in Montana a Success**

Dave was in Helena, Montana in mid-October, providing the Train the Trainer program for all four disciplines. In total four FF/EMS, six 911 Dispatch, and 16 police officers are now trainers. The law enforcement training and the 911 dispatch training have been approved for Montana's POST accreditation. Discussion was held with the intent to bring NU FRDAT into the state in a full capacity.

OTHER RECENT HEADLINES	RESOURCES
<p><a href="#">Voters with Disabilities and the 2016 Presidential Election</a></p> <p><a href="#">Fashion photographer Rankin shoots stunning portraits of people with learning disabilities</a></p> <p><a href="#">Dolls with disabilities: Toys with service dogs, hearing aids and wheelchairs hit the shelves ahead of Christmas</a></p> <p><a href="#">Lakeland, FL Officer goes above and beyond the call of duty to assist a homeless, disabled woman.</a></p>	<p><a href="#">The ARC: National Center on Criminal Justice and Disability</a></p> <p><a href="#">FEMA Office of Disability Integration and Coordination</a></p> <p></p> <p><b>Follow us on our new Twitter account: @nufrdat</b></p>



## Project Director to present at State University at New York Chief of Police Conference

Project Director Dave Whalen will be in Saratoga, NY on November 16 to present on the topic of campus safety in response to students and visitors with disabilities.

At the conclusion, Dave will also be meeting with the executive board to discuss development of training specific to campus safety.



## November is National Epilepsy Awareness Month!

The Epilepsy Foundation is focused on helping people with epilepsy know all of their treatment and therapy options, as they strive to become seizure-free. This November, the Foundation will talk about how to #DareTo Go the Distance toward a life with the best seizure control you can achieve and no side

effects. Learn about what will help you along your journey as you #DareTo Go the Distance.

Visit [Epilepsy.com](http://Epilepsy.com) for more information.

## DISABILITY AWARENESS TRAINING

### Upcoming Training & Conference Schedule

**November 1 & 2 - Broome County Law Enforcement Disability Awareness Training: Train the Trainer.** [Click here for more information...](#)

**November 3 - SAFE AT HOME: Seeking solutions for adult and child victims of family violence.** [Click here for more information and to register.](#)


**November 28 - NYS DEPT. OF HEALTH: Access and Functional Needs Workshop.** [Click here for more information...](#)



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