



Greetings,

As we enter the autumn season we acknowledge Suicide Prevention Month (September) and National Disability (Awareness) Employment Month (October). As First Responders you see too often those with mental and behavioral health concerns that need support and assistance. Please review our Mental Illness section and reach out to your local mental and behavioral health providers in your area for more information .

National Disability Employment Month reflects on the important role that different perspectives play in workforce success, this year's National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) theme is "Inclusion Drives Innovation." Observed each October, NDEAM celebrates the contributions of workers with disabilities and educates about the value of a workforce inclusive of their skills and talents.

## September/October Newsletter 2017

### NU-FRDAT Contracts with FDNY



**The New York Fire Department (FDNY) has contracted with First Responders Disability Awareness Training with the intent to develop and eventually deliver the Firefighter/Emergency**

**Medical Services (FF/EMS) curriculum. NU FR-DAT will be working with Training Coordinator Chiefs to address the unique training needs of the department.**

**NU FR-DAT will also address other needs relative to response to individuals with disabilities, with many initiatives to set standards for fire departments nationwide.**

**Niagara University FR-DAT has an Active Month with 9-1-1 Telecommunicator Trainings**



NU FR-DAT provided 9-1-1 Telecommunicator Disability Awareness Training for direct training in both State College, Pennsylvania for PA NENA and for the King County E-911 Program Office in Kent, Washington. FR-DAT Program Director also presented a Disability Awareness Train the Trainer session for Arkansas 9-1-1 Telecommunicators in Jacksonville, Arkansas. The trainings will continue in December as another Disability Awareness Train the Trainer will be provided in Cambridge, Maryland for the Dorchester County Department of Emergency Services.



Dave Whalen, Program Director with Liz Jones, Communications Director - Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy



NIAGARA UNIVERSITY  
**Emergency Management**  
 Disability Awareness Training

NU FR-DAT to Roll-Out New York State Emergency Management Disability Awareness Training

As devastating hurricanes rip through the Caribbeans and the South, we are again reminded of the importance to be prepared and ensure the planning process adheres to all individuals. The grant from the New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council took a big step forward this month when it unveiled the program at the New York Association on Independent Living conference (Troy, NY) with a preview session held at Access for Independence (Cortland, NY).

The premise will be specialists trained in Inclusive Planning and Active Participation, as well as individuals with disabilities and access and functional needs versed in what active participation entails. Emergency Management offices across NYS will be educated as to how the process works, connect with specialists and active participants who will have responsibilities, receive a functional working manual, and be trained in all aspects of access and functional needs.

The program will debut on campus November 29-30, with subsequent sessions established across New York in 2018.

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[\*\*Crisis Text Line\*\* serves anyone, in any type of crisis, providing access to free, 24/7 support and information via the medium people already use and trust: text](#)

[United States Department of Labor: Disability Employment](#)

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## **AVAILABLE ONLINE TRAININGS:**

### **EMS online 6 hour Training Available:**

Accredited by the Center for Healthcare Education in Riverside, California, the EMS online training adapted the national Train the Trainer program into a compatible, easy to use 6-hour program. Customized exclusively for EMS in front of a live studio audience of EMTs, the training addresses the basics of all areas EMS need to know to ensure proper, appropriate, proactive response when interacting and addressing the need of individuals with disabilities.

Individual rate-\$27.50

[Click Here](#) for more information

### **Mental Health and De-escalation Training for Law Enforcement Professionals**

This training program stems from a program that was originally developed at the University of Alberta, Department of Psychiatry, to advance the mental health training of police officers.

It proved overwhelmingly successful, showing increases in police mental health awareness, communication, de-escalation and

empathy skills as well as an increase in police efficiency and a decrease in number of use-of-force occurrences.

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## Upcoming Conferences & Training Sessions

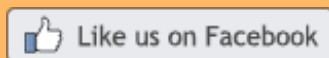
- **October 17, 2017**
  - Training - Law Enforcement Disability Awareness Training - Portsmouth, VA
  - To Register [Click Here](#)
- **October 18, 2017**
  - Training - Law Enforcement Disability Awareness Training - Richmond, VA
  - To Register [Click Here](#)
- **October 19, 2017**
  - Training - Law Enforcement Disability Awareness Training - Ashburn, VA
  - To Register [Click Here](#)
- **October 30-31, 2017**
  - Training - Law Enforcement Disability Awareness Train the Trainer - Albany, NY
  - To Register [Click Here](#)
- **November 1, 2017**
  - Conference - NYS Adult Abuse Training Institute - Albany, NY
  - For Registration Info [Click Here](#)
- **November 14-15, 2017**
  - Training - Law Enforcement Disability Awareness Train the Trainer - Bath, NY

- To Register [Click Here](#)
- **November 29-30, 2017**
  - Training - Emergency Management - Niagara University, NY
  - More information to come
- **December 4 - 5, 2017**
  - Training - Law Enforcement Disability Awareness Train the Trainer - St. Louis, MO
  - To register [Click Here](#)
- **December 6 - 7, 2017**
  - Training - 9-1-1 Telecommunicator Disability Awareness Train the Trainer - Jefferson City, MO
  - To register [Click Here](#)
- **December 12-13, 2017**
  - Training - 9-1-1 Telecommunicator Disability Awareness Train the Trainer - Cambridge, MD
  - To register [Click Here](#)

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