



## Spring 2018 Newsletter

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### *Never Again* video debuts, captures the reason why every officer needs training

This latest addition to FR-DAT training provides attendees with comprehensive information regarding appropriate response and approach to individuals with disabilities.

Collaboration with key law enforcement officers from both New York and Virginia, and the poignant story told by Patti Saylor, mother of Ethan who lost his life at the hands of three off-duty sheriff deputies, addresses why law enforcement need this training. Please take the time to watch this video and share with others.



### **FR-DAT Debuts Virginia Law Enforcement Train the Trainer**

Virginia officially became the third state in the nation to have comprehensive law enforcement disability awareness training. Four Train the Trainer sessions were conducted in May and June



Picture Above Deputy Stephanie Mills(Franklin County) Project Director Dave Whalen, and

across the state. 75 officers received certification to train on the topic. Departments included Newport News, Roanoke, Chesapeake, Leesburg, Loudon and Franklin County Sheriff's Office and Virginia State Police

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## **FR-DAT Welcomes New Master Trainers**

After the completion of the March 2018 Master Trainer session, FR-DAT is excited to welcome three new master trainers. This will allow the program to continue to keep up with the demand of the request we daily receive for training. Below is information regarding our new trainers.

### **Pati Aine Guzinski- Firefighter/EMS**

Pati Aine brings over 30 years experience from the emergency management and the Firefighter/EMS field. Pati's knowledge and personal experience adds immensely to our training.

### **Patti Saylor- Law Enforcement**

Patti's experience as a mother of a child with a disability, an educator, a disability advocate, and a nurse adds to the training. Patti personal story of losing her son Ethan to a preventable death at the hands of three off duty sheriff deputies is captivating.

### **Raymond Sitler - Law Enforcement**

Officer Sitler has over 20 years experience of training of law enforcement . He has trained over 300 Suffolk County police officers on disability awareness training. Ray is the father of a child with autism and epilepsy.

The **New York State Justice Center** now has four investigators who are Master Trainers. This allows for more direct training and support to police departments across New York, to include department specific training, academy training, conference breakout sessions, and co-presenting.

## Another Developmental Disabilities Day a Success

May 24th, marked the 30th Anniversary of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day, the nation's largest single day conference in the field. FR-DAT participated along side many other local disability advocacy and service providers by providing information to our community on the programs we provide to enhance first and emergency responders knowledge



## Recent Articles



[America Is Not Ready for Disability Disaster Response in the Coming Hurricane Season](#)



[New law aims to help police interact with people with communication disabilities-Ohio](#)



[Legislation to support New Yorkers with disabilities passes NYS Assembly](#)

## Upcoming Training Information

### June 17 , 2018 (Pre-con)

- Training - 9-1-1 Telecommunicator (Effective Call Handling Strategies for Individuals with Disabilities) NENA 2018 Conference & Expo - Nashville -Tennessee
- For more information [Click Here](#)

### June 18 , 2018 (Breakout Session)

- Training - 9-1-1 Telecommunicator (Effective Response to Individuals With Disabilities)- NENA 2018 Conference & Expo - Nashville - Tennessee
- For more information [Click Here](#)

[July 12, 2018](#)

- Training - Law Enforcement Disability Awareness Training - [National Down Syndrome Congress Convention- Dallas TX](#)
- For more information and to Register [Click Here](#)

### **July 12, 2018**

- Training - Firefighter/EMS Disability Awareness Training - [National Down Syndrome Congress Convention- Dallas TX](#)
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### **July 31, 2018**

- Training - 9-1-1 Telecommunicator- NENA Education Summit - Rutgers University - New Jersey
- For more information [Click Here](#)

### **September 11 & 12, 2018**

- Training - Emergency Management Access and Functional Needs Disability Awareness Training
- Oswego County Emergency Management
- For more Information and to Register [Click Here](#)

### **September 12, 2018**

- Training - 9-1-1 Telecommunicator Disability Awareness Training: NENA Education Summit
- Northwest Arkansas Community College
- For more Information and to Register [Click Here](#)

### **October 1 & 2, 2018**

- Training - Emergency Management Access and Functional Needs Disability Awareness Training
- Warren County Emergency Management
- For more Information and to Register [Click Here](#)

### **October 3 & 4, 2018**

- Training - Emergency Management Access and Functional Needs Disability Awareness Training
- Montgomery County Emergency Management
- For more Information and to Register [Click Here](#)

## **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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