



Greetings,

As we celebrate the historic signing of the ADA 27 years ago on July 26th, we are reminded that, while we have come a long way, we still have a long way to go. FR-DAT continues to train First Responders on the importance of knowing how to appropriately approach, interact, and respond to a person with a disability. The civil rights of these individuals are pushed aside by those that do not have the knowledge and tools that you have gained from our trainings. It is important to find ways to both refresh on topics already learned and to gain new knowledge on areas you have not concentrated on.

Summer Newsletter 2017



**Debut of Niagara University's First Responder's EMS Online
Course set for August 1, 2017**

Accredited by the Center for Healthcare Education, 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. EMS personnel from all over the country can now receive 6 credit hours of training through FR-DAT's EMS online course. The course covers all the essentials from our Disability Awareness training including movie clips, audible narration from the Project Director throughout the training, and graded exams at the end of each subject covered. This is a self-paced program perfect for those working in the field. The cost is \$27.50 with a provided certificate once the course is fully passed and completed.

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Suffolk County Police Department Officer Raymond Sitler will be honored for his continuous training of the Niagara University's Law Enforcement Disability Awareness Training

Officer Sitler will be presented with an award on August 19, 2017 at **An Evening of Blue**, honoring outstanding Police Officers,



Detectives and First Responders at the Brentwood Country Club in Brentwood, NY. The award commemorates his enthusiasm for providing his fellow officers with disability awareness training. Officer Sitler has been one of NU FR-DAT's

most active trainers, providing disability awareness training to 200+ officers in the Suffolk County area and one of the most active ambassadors for police training to ensure proper response to individuals with disabilities. Officer Sitler is a wonderful representation of our program and deserves this recognition as he continues to educate those around him on disability awareness. Ray is the father of a young man with autism and



Niagara University's First Responders Disability Awareness Training presented at the NACDD Annual Conference in Salt Lake City

From July 11-14, 2017 the National Association of Councils of Developmental Disabilities hosted their annual conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. Niagara University's First Responder's Disability Awareness Training presented both a plenary session and a breakout session during the conference. Program Director Dave Whalen discussed how the program can come to states, it's content, and the process to ensure it is successful.

NACDD is the national association for the 56 Councils on Developmental Disabilities (DD Councils) across the United States and its territories. The DD Councils receive federal funding to support programs that promote self-determination, integration and inclusion for all people in the United States with developmental disabilities.

Inaugural Law Enforcement and Firefighter/EMS Train the Trainer in Kansas City Missouri a success

During the week of June 12th, the first of many train the trainer courses for both Law Enforcement and Firefighter/EMS were completed in Missouri. The attendees from both sessions were

very responsive to the information being taught and provided great feedback. We are confident that our new trainers will continue to educate their colleagues on this very important subject.

Attendee Testimonials:

" I love the resources provided and the ability to locate a resource via website ...A lot of trainings lack resources and is soon forgotten by patrol officers." - KCPD Police Officer

"Outstanding training that seemed to be well received by all attendees." - KCPD Chief

" I am very impressed with all the local resources you have researched for the MO area" -KCFD Paramedic

Project Director, Dave Whalen will be at the Missouri 911 Association conference on September 20th and will hold the second law enforcement Train the Trainer at the Missouri State Highway Patrol Headquarters September 21-22.

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<u>Mom and Former Police Officer Creates AutismTalk App to Help Police Interact With People on the Spectrum</u>	<u>Niagara University's First Responders- Law Enforcement Disability Notification Card</u>
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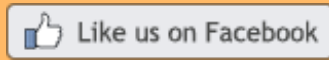


Upcoming Conferences & Training Sessions

- **August 30, 2017**
 - Conference - NYS Police Juvenile Officers - Geneva, NY
 - [Click Here for more information](#)
- **September 13, 2017**
 - Conference - Pennsylvania NENA Conference - State College, PA
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- **September 18, 2017**
 - Conference - New York Association on Independent Living (NYAIL) Conference - Troy, NY
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- **September 19 - 20, 2017**
 - Conference - Missouri 911 Association - Tan Tara, MO
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- **September 21 - 22, 2017**
 - Training - Law Enforcement Disability Awareness Train the Trainer - Jefferson City, MO
 - Hosted by Missouri State Highway Patrol Academy
 - [Click Here](#) for Registration Information
- **September 25 - 26, 2017**
 - Training- 9-1-1 Telecommunicators Disability Awareness Train the Trainer - Jacksonville, AR
 - More information to come
- **November 1, 2017**
 - Conference- DCJS Adult Abuse Institute - Albany NY
 - More information to come
- **December 4 - 5, 2017**
 - Training - Law Enforcement Disability Awareness Train the Trainer - St. Louis, MO
 - More information to come



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