# CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA FIRST RESPONDER DISABILITY AWARENESS TRAIN THE TRAINERS NOVEMBER 16-19, 2015

# ALL 25 ATTENDANTS (100%) WOULD RECOMMEND THE TRAINING

#### **Law Enforcement**

Do you feel you are adequately prepared to train law enforcement personnel on proper response to people with disabilities?

- a. I feel very prepared to present 6
- b. I feel somewhat prepared to present 3
- c. I will need more guidance to be adequately prepared 0
- d. I do not feel I am adequately prepared 0

### What part of today's training was most significant (or stood out) to you?

- Autism spectrum disorders (2)
- Seizures (2)
- Physical disabilities
- Tourette syndrome
- Interacting with those who have disabilities
- The entire class was great. Outstanding instructor, great materials. Not only good for police work, but also personal/family life.
- I like how the training covers law enforcement specific info
- How to operate DME in case of emergency with power
- Clues to look for, not just for the physical disabilities but also for the intellectual disabilities. How to deal with people without making situations worse.

# Other comments/feedback:

- Instructor was very knowledgeable and presented the material well.
- You are extremely knowledgeable on these topics. What made the course for me was your personal connection.
- Great class!! I appreciate the time, work, and knowledge put into it. Thank you!!
- Thank you for a great training.
- Dave was fantastic! He was clear and concise. Dave was also very knowledgeable on all aspects.
- Excellent training! Could probably use an extra day to have more detailed discussions. Overall the training was very informative and would be recommended in the future.
- This was a lot of information and a lot of it is outside a police officer's comfort zone. We like to keep things simple. I'm definitely going to do more research so I understand it more in-depth before I teach it. Thank you for allowing me to come here.

#### 911 Dispatcher

# Do you feel you are adequately prepared to train law enforcement personnel on proper response to people with disabilities?

- e. I feel very prepared to present 4
- f. I feel somewhat prepared to present 5
- g. I will need more guidance to be adequately prepared 0
- h. I do not feel I am adequately prepared 0

# What part of today's training was most significant (or stood out) to you?

- Autism (2)

- Do's and don'ts everyone hates to change but you have to start somewhere hopefully baby steps
- Tourette syndrome
- Intellectual disabilities
- Just the overall knowledge of the different disabilities that are in our society
- The awareness of individuals with disabilities, how to be effective and the ideas for our 911 center that can make us an advocate for IWDs.
- All of it. I learned a lot. I'm still baffled that people with TS go undiagnosed

#### Other comments/feedback:

- I come from a small center, money and time will be a big factor. Most of the training will be one on one or one on two during working hours.
- Very informative and "user" friendly. Training answered many questions and cleared up myths.
- Excellent presentation, I personally learned a lot.
- Good training!
- Very informative training. Instructor was very upbeat and knowledgeable.

# Firefighter/EMS

# Do you feel you are adequately prepared to train law enforcement personnel on proper response to people with disabilities?

- i. I feel very prepared to present 5
- j. I feel somewhat prepared to present 2
- k. I will need more guidance to be adequately prepared 0
- I. I do not feel I am adequately prepared 0

## What part of today's training was most significant (or stood out) to you?

- One thing was the durable medical equipment and how to work them if there is a problem
- Videos on specific disability challenges: Tourette, PTSD, blindness and especially manic depression.
- I really like the "inclusion" focus and the videos.
- Being aware of the complexity and diversity of the issues and the commonality between them.
- Person first

### Other comments/feedback:

- This was a very informative program. I learned a lot about disabilities that I thought I know but really don't.
- Very good information, good pace

#### **PARTICIPATING DEPARTMENTS:**

- 1. Altoona Police Department
- 2. Ashville Fire Department
- 3. Bedford County 911
- 4. Blair County Sheriff's Department
- 5. Blair County 911
- 6. Blair Township Police Department
- 7. Cambria County 911
- 8. Centre County 911
- 9. Centre LifeLink EMS
- 10. Delaware Capitol Police
- 11. Glendale Volunteer Fire Department

- 12. Juanita Department of Emergency Services
- 13. Lakemont Volunteer Fire Company
- 14. Saint Francis University Police
- 15. Southern Cove Fire Department
- 16. Tyrone Borough Police Department
- 17. Union County 911
- 18. City of Warren Police Department