

NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DISABILITY AWARENESS TRAINING SESSIONS

JULY 2013

Attendants: Kings County – 6, Westchester County – 7, Albany County – 5, Essex County – 4, Erie County – 39, Monroe County – 13, Tioga County – 4, Onondaga County – 4, Queens County – 5, Manhattan County – 8 (total = 95)

1. Do you feel you are better prepared to work with individuals with disabilities?

- a. A lot more prepared – 62
- b. Somewhat more prepared – 26

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

- Approaching those in need, etiquette/interaction, how to assist (30)
- Specific material - identifying disabilities, videos, discussions, etc. (30)
- Ability/location of additional resources/assets (4)
- The how to operate the chairs and vans (3)
- General awareness, historic progress of improvements and need for dialogue
- Physical disabilities do not necessarily equate to cognitive disabilities
- "They are not coming"

3. What topics would you like more information on?

- More training (16)
- Emergency preparedness (13)
- Specific disability sections (10)
- Resources (5)
- Suicide prevention (3)
- Integration of laws as they relate to realistic expectations during disasters
- Hands-on training may be helpful, but realize time is limited.
- I would like more information regarding law enforcement-type response to those with disabilities
- Basic compliance for employers and areas of most attention at the DOJ (avoiding fines!)

4. Were the videos helpful? Yes – 92 No – 0

5. Were the handouts helpful? Yes – 89 No – 1

6. Would you recommend this training to others? Yes – 92 No – 0

7. How likely are you to apply the information you learned today?

- a. Very likely – 78
- b. Somewhat likely – 13
- c. Neither likely/unlikely – 1

8. What specific areas or topics will be most helpful in your response to individuals with disabilities in emergency response?

- Interaction/communication (28)
- Field application (22)
- Continuing education (9)
- Resources (5)
- Sensory dysfunction – how sensory issues affect every aspect of individual's life
- Allow the person with the disability to be part of the solution

Departments in Attendance

1. American Red Cross
2. Amherst Emergency Management
3. Armor Volunteer Fire Company
4. Aspire WNY
5. Brooklyn Community Services
6. City University of New York (CUNY)
7. City of Rochester Human Resources
8. Cleveland Hill
9. Clinton County Health Department
10. CVPH Medical Center
11. East Aurora Fire Department
12. Erie County Emergency Services
13. Essex County Public Health
14. Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP)
15. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
16. Grand Island Fire Department
17. Hamburg Volunteer Fire Department
18. Henrietta Ambulance
19. Irondequoit Ambulance
20. Lake Erie Beach
21. Lancaster Volunteer Ambulance Corps.
22. Monroe County Public Safety
23. Nassau County CERT
24. Niagara University Campus Safety
25. North Tonawanda Fire/EMS
26. NYPD
27. NYS Department of Transportation
28. NYS Office of Children & Family Services
29. NYS Office of Emergency Management
30. NYS Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance (OTDA)
31. Office of Fire Prevention & Control
32. Orleans Community Health
33. Oswego County BOCES
34. Pine Hill Fire Department
35. Putnam County Emergency Services
36. Rescue Hose
37. Rockland County Independent Living
38. Rush Fire Department
39. Seneca Nation of Indians
40. Steuben Foods
41. Tioga County Emergency Services
42. Town of West Seneca
43. Twin City Ambulance
44. United Medical Memorial Center
Emergency Preparedness
45. Wales Center SASI Inc.
46. Westchester County Department of Health
47. Westchester County Office for the Disabled
48. WNY Developmental Disabilities Service Organization
49. WNY Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)
50. Yonkers Office for Emergency Management