

Autism and the Law Enforcement Response

September 19, 2019 . La Vergne, TN

COURSE SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 19, 2019

8 AM — 5 PM

This 8-hour training is sponsored by Autism Tennessee and is hosted by the La Vergne Police Department.

Registration Form—Click Here

For additional assistance with registration contact Autism Tennessee at 615-385-2077 or email Babs Tierno at Babs@autismtn.org

TRAINING LOCATION

City of La Vergne—Multi-purpose Building
5093 Murfreesboro Road La Vergne, Tn 37086

Autism Tennessee is making this training available to all Tennessee criminal justice personnel for **FREE**. It's designed for criminal justice personnel who might have contact with individuals on the autism spectrum; officers, 911 operators, public service aides, and victim advocates. **Registration for this training is required at the registration link above.**

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course will provide criminal justice personnel with a basic understanding of autism and how individuals with autism behave, communicate, and react in various situations. Furthermore, it will address high-risk and crisis incidents and provide tips and strategies to defuse and deescalate the situation. Additionally, it will address how to conduct interviews involving victims, witnesses and suspects who have autism. It will also provide strategies for search and recovery efforts of missing persons with autism and how to partner with the autism community.

TOPICS COVERED

Typical law enforcement contacts
Crisis intervention techniques
Interview techniques
Missing persons
Arrest and restraint
De-escalation techniques
Tools of disclosure
Available resources

Individuals with autism will be participating in the training and providing interaction with the officers.

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

Autism and the Law Enforcement Response is instructed by Bart Barta. Bart is the proud father of Daniel, a teenager with autism. Bart understands many of the challenges faced by individuals and families affected by autism spectrum disorder. Bart is a retired law enforcement commander with more than 31 years of experience. Bart is also a nationally recognized instructor who has trained more than 7,000 first responders how to successfully interact with people on the autism spectrum, he has also authored several articles on the subject of autism safety.

Bart is recognized as a subject matter expert by The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and in 2017 was selected to contribute to the development of autism curriculum for officers in the state of Florida. For more than 10 years, Bart served as an instructor for the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training Program for Florida's Eleventh Circuit Court's Mental Health Project. Bart is a former SWAT and Crisis Management Team (Hostage Negotiations) Commander. Bart is the former Commander of the Coral Gables Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division. For six years, Bart served as a board member for the University of Miami—Nova Southeastern University's Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) Constituency Board. Bart now serves as the president of Autism Safety 101, Inc.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Understand what autism is and how people are affected by it.
- Recognize possible signs of autism.
- Understand how autism affects people differently.
- Develop alternative ways of identifying people with autism.
- Understand the various challenges of interviewing people with autism.
- Develop strategies for reducing stress and anxiety in people with autism.
- Understand what types of crimes and schemes that people with autism are more likely to become victims.
- Recognize the importance of developing departmental policies and procedures for addressing missing person cases involving people with autism.

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