



AUTISM TRAINING FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

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This **Autism Safety Training** is the **ONLY COURSE** that teaches emergency responders:

- **WHAT** they may encounter on a scene
- **WHY** the behavior is occurring
- **HOW** to interact and respond in the safest way possible for all parties



EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

What Would You Do If...

- A person with autism creates a public disturbance?
- Would you think it's drugs? A mental illness? Non-compliance?
- How would you check for and treat injuries if your patient became agitated by any physical contact?
- An autistic person went missing? Would you know the first place to search?
- How would you rescue a child that is hidden in the house, unaware that there is danger?
- What if you could not communicate with your nonverbal victim?
- What if your normal protocol set off behaviors that you don't understand?

"I was so impressed with her presentation and knowledge of the subject matter, that I have now included her material as a separate module in the Basic CERT classes we teach to the citizens of the county. Debi teaches actions that keep the rescuer and the victim safe."

- Robert Swanson
DeKalb Emergency Management Agency

1 in 39...

boys in GA have **autism**

7 times...

more likely to interact with **first responders**

49%...

autistic people **wander**

33%...

cannot **communicate**

91%...

die from **drowning**

Are you prepared to encounter autism?

"The training provided is outstanding. Officers learn how to understand and deal appropriately with adults and children with autism. We have already put the training to the test with a missing child with autism. We were able to effectively handle the child and keep the situation from escalating until we found the parent. I highly recommend the training to anyone that may come into contact with autistic children or adults."

-Ray
Public Safety Captain

"The Autism Awareness and Action Training furnished by Debi Taylor with Spirit of Autism was well received by our Security Officers and provided very good and relevant information to assist our officers when encountering those individuals with Autism. I feel confident that this training will assist our officers by providing an additional very useful tool for them to use as they work with the public."

-Gary L. Thomas MS, PCEM
Tanner Health System



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As an emergency responder, Debi knows that your safety and the safety of your crew is the **NUMBER ONE PRIORITY**. As the mother of two teens with autism, she understands the unique behaviors and needs of autistic individuals.

As an autistic adult, Austin brings a wealth of knowledge to first responders. He is a certified First Responder, Skywarn Storm Spotter, Ham Radio operator, and Community Emergency Response Team Instructor.

Here's what you'll learn:

- How to Instantly Recognize Different Degrees of Autistic Behaviors
- When to Step in and Interrupt a Behavior
- Critical Tools That Will Help You Communicate
- What Physical Issues Cause Meltdowns and Non-Compliance (it's not what you think!)
- What You Should NEVER Do in a Power Struggle
- Unusual Search and Rescue Tips That Could Mean Life or Death
- What to Avoid During Medical Triage
- The Best Restraining Method and When it's Necessary
- Techniques to Immediately Diffuse Out of Control Behaviors
- ...and Much More

training by responders...



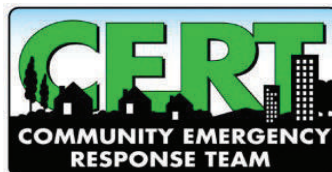
...for
responders

What this training will do for you:

- Increase your understanding of autism
- Decrease liability / provide risk management
- Promote safer interactions for everyone involved
- Good PR for your agency ☺

2 Hours CE & POST Credit • Flat Fee up to 30 Attendees

Debi is a Proud **MEMBER** of:



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