



Families on the Spectrum presents **Autism Awareness & Safety Training for First Responders**

September 17 • 9 am to 2 pm

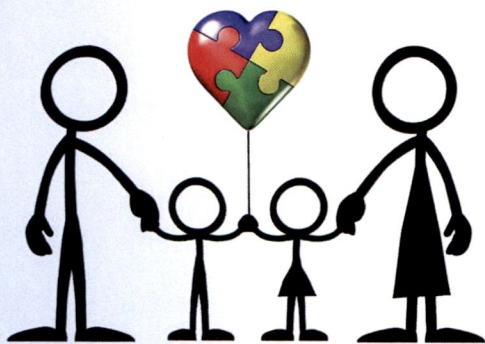
Lakeland Event Center: 4900 US 62, Calvert City KY, 42029

Please arrive 30 minutes before training session begins, breakfast and lunch will be provided.

**Individuals must register online at
www.familiesonthespectrumky.org**

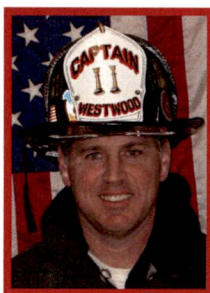
Autism is becoming increasingly prevalent, with 1 in 59 children diagnosed with ASD. People with ASD are more likely to have a 911 encounter than a typical person.

This workshop will provide first responders with an overview of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), growth rates, theories, common characteristics, effective communication methods, behavioral symptoms, sensory issues, and some practical skills on how to effectively interact and respond to an emergency involving a person with ASD.



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Bill has been a member of the fire service for 35 years. Bill has been an officer with the Westwood Fire Department, Westwood Massachusetts, for the past fifteen years. He also has been a Massachusetts Fire Academy instructor for 15 years. Bill became a member of Autism and Law Enforcement Education Coalition (ALEC) in November 2003. In January of 2006, he became the statewide coordinator of ALEC. ALEC currently educates first responders across the state of Massachusetts about Autism Spectrum Disorder and how to better understand a person who is on the spectrum. ALEC has trained over 43,000 first responders in Massachusetts and in thirty nine additional states. Bill is also the parent of a child with ASD.



Lieutenant Jimmy Donohoe has been employed by the Pensacola Police Department since October 1992. Among his assignments have been Uniform Patrol, Training and Personnel, Community Relations and Crime Intervention. He is currently the Sergeant of the Special Projects Unit, leader of the Crisis Negotiation Team and the Family Liaison for the Department's Honor Guard. Lieutenant Donohoe created the Take Me Home Program, which has since been adopted by numerous law enforcement agencies nationwide to help people with disabilities during crisis situations. He currently serves on the National Center on Criminal Justice and Disability National Advisory Committee and the Autism Society of America's Safe & Sound Task Force, both based in Washington D.C. He travels frequently training officers nationwide on autism.

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