



Free Training

October 16, 2017 6-9pm

Warren County Technical School Auditorium
1500 NJ-57, Washington, NJ 07882

**Autism training & resources for law enforcement,
emergency first responders, parents, educators, care
providers & the autism community.**

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Autism

Risk & Safety Management

Autism Risk & Safety Training for
Law Enforcement, Public Safety & Criminal Justice Professionals



Over the past 22 years, Debbaudt has developed training materials and presented for law enforcement, first response and criminal justice professionals throughout the United States, Canada, Iceland, Australia, New Zealand, Northern Ireland and United Kingdom. Debbaudt has presented 2017 sessions at the NYPD Academy, Iowa D.A.R.E. conference, Florida International University, Miami, Indian River State College Public Safety Training Complex Fort Pierce, Florida, at the University of New Hampshire and University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana and for Alameda County California Public Safety. Debbaudt is a subject matter expert for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's curriculum development *Autism Awareness for Law Enforcement* which will be released in October, 2017.

Dennis Debbaudt's training sessions provide a strong focus on autism recognition and response; predictable field contacts & 911 dispatches; special emphasis on missing persons, dangerous and fatal wandering, search and rescue; situational awareness and sensory scene management; behavioral deescalation tips; restraint, arrest and custody advice; tips for interview of victim-witness and offender; model programs & cross educational programs for officers, children and adults with autism spectrum disorders (ASD), their families and supporters. The training is designed to have everyone come away with a good, practical understanding of effective and safe approaches when interacting with individuals affected by ASD.

Debbaudt's session will help law enforcement and first response agencies to:

- Increase Officer, First Responder and Citizen Safety
- Enhance Communication and Response Skills
- Save Valuable Time and Resources
- Avoid Litigation
- Build Community Partnerships

Sessions are designed to help law enforcement, criminal justice and first response professionals make autism related interactions safer, less stressful, and more informed. Every presentation is adapted to meet the needs of the audience, including:

- Policing, fire-rescue, public safety and investigative professionals
- Police training officers
- Law enforcement managers and supervisors
- School resource officers
- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) members
- 911 dispatch telecommunicators
- Juvenile and criminal justice professionals

At the conclusion of his session, the audience will:

1. Recognize social, communication, behavioral and sensory difficulties for persons with autism.
2. Become familiar with autism related field response tactics.
3. Be prepared to manage the sensory climate to deescalate behavior.
4. Be aware of risks associated with a wandering incident. Review search and rescue options.
5. Become aware of autism related offender, victim and witness issues and dilemmas.
6. Be prepared to interview individuals involved with the criminal justice system.
7. Become aware of partnership opportunities with the autism community that can lead to better informed and safer interactions for all concerned.

Objectives are supported by video illustrations, DVD, embedded clips and comprehensive handouts. Presentation by way of computer based multimedia.

Typical session length is four hours. Keynote and conference presentations are one to two hours.

About Dennis Debbaudt

Dennis Debbaudt is the proud father of Brad, a young man who has autism. In the 1980s, he wrote for the Detroit News and worked with network television current affairs programs in the U.S., Canada and United Kingdom. A professional investigator and journalist since 1977, Dennis turned his attention to autism in 1987 after his son was diagnosed. His first report *Avoiding Unfortunate Situations* was published in 1994. He's since authored over 40 articles, books and chapters including *Autism, Advocates and Law Enforcement Professionals: Recognizing and Reducing Risk Situations for People with Autism Spectrum Disorders* for Jessica Kingsley Publishers, London UK (2002), *Contact with Individuals with Autism: Effective Resolutions* for the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin (Debbaudt & Rothman, 2001), *Patients with Autism and Other High Risks* for the Journal of Healthcare Protection Management (2009), *Autism in the Criminal Justice System* (Taylor, Mesibov & Debbaudt, 2009) and *Autism: Managing Police Field Contacts*, International Association of Chiefs of Police, June 2013.

As managing partner of Debbaudt Legacy Productions, LLC, Dennis produced and wrote the scripts for the training videos *Autism & Law Enforcement Roll Call Briefing* (2004), *Autism, Fire-Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Video* (2009) and *Autism in the Criminal Justice System* (2009). The videos are in use globally.

Dennis is known for his ability to connect with diverse audiences, his insight, detailed handouts, and audio/video illustrations of the subject matter.

Dennis Debbaudt is experienced working with law enforcement and public safety agencies for the creation of training programs that effectively and safely address autism related contacts. Officer and citizen safety, time and resource management, effective communication and sustainability of the program is his mission and top priority.

Additional Presenter Information:

- Completed the New York Police Department's Emergency Services Unit (NYPD-ESU) 40-hour Emergency Psychology Technician Training Program Managing Situations Involving Mentally Disturbed Persons.
- Presented training for Department of Homeland Security instructors at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) at Glynco, Georgia.
- Curriculum Review Team member and resource for *Why Law Enforcement Needs To Recognize Autism* (Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions October 1999).
- Cited resource for *POST Field Guide: Police Response to People with Mental Illness or Developmental Disability*, by the Municipal Police Officers' Education & Training Commission, (Hershey, PA 2001).
- Consultant to Chicago Police Department's autism training module (2007).
- Debbaudt's sessions have been approved for credits in over 20 states.

- Developed Autism Trainers Guide & Video Training for New York Police Department (2008, updated 2013, 2015 and 2017).
- Cited Subject Autism & Emergency Preparedness Subject Matter Resource at Department of Homeland Security web site Lessons Learned Information Sharing.
- Subject Matter Expert (SME) for California POST training video on autism (2009).
- Consultant to ABC News (U.S.) 20/20 for a 1999 segment on autism and false confession.
- Presented at the U.S. Senate, testified for the North Carolina Senate and House committees on autism related safety subject matter and provided background materials to legislators and aides in California, New Jersey, Indiana and Pennsylvania on proposed autism related legislation.

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