

# AUTISM AWARENESS AND SUPPORT STRATEGIES FOR CRISIS RESPONDERS

Presented by the Learning Institute of Commonwealth Autism

## Training Description

This 7-hour course is designed to provide a basic understanding of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and how the characteristics and behaviors commonly associated with ASD could impact a Responder's ability to do their job. Participants will learn practical research-based strategies and interventions that can be utilized when responding to crisis situation involving individuals with autism.

## Training Objectives

- List characteristics commonly associated with Autism Spectrum Disorder
- List behaviors commonly associated with Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Compare and contrast diagnostic criteria for Autism Spectrum Disorder and Social Communication Disorder
- Define and discuss Sensory Processing Disorder
- Describe how communication and interactions may be affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Discuss the dangers associated with elopement and wandering
- List effective strategies that can be utilized when responding to calls involving people with Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Discuss the impact of Autism Spectrum Disorder in schools, the community, in the work place, and at home
- Compile a list of available local, state, and national autism resources
- Identify strategies to locate and become familiar with individuals and families affected by autism spectrum disorder living in their community.

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