

# Safe and Sound™

## Autism Awareness for First Responders



Wednesday, March 28, 2018,

8:00 am–1:00 pm

**COST: FREE**

(Pre-registration required)

Lunch is included

Fox Valley Technical College

Public Safety Training Center

W6400 Hwy BB, Room 101 A/B

Appleton

The Autism Society of the Fox Valley is pleased to offer a FREE training for First Responders. The session will focus on tools for agencies to address autism-related field contacts, communication and behavior, sensory issues, de-escalation techniques and arrest, restraint and custody issues. The session will also provide information on how first responders can recognize an individual with autism, and discuss how actual incidents were handled. Special tactics, response techniques, rescue techniques, patient care, search and rescue, and actual incidents will be discussed. Incidents discussed will highlight police responses, fire rescue, rescue from heights, motor vehicle crashes, and emergency medical responses.

Autism is becoming increasingly prevalent. With 1 in 68 children diagnosed, autism is no longer only a disability issue; it is a reality in the community. Throughout the country, children and adults with autism are living average lives, going to school, working and enjoying recreational activities in their communities.

Created in 2005, the Safe and Sound™ initiative includes providing information and training to law enforcement and first response professionals – from Police, Fire & Rescue Officers to Emergency Medical Services Officers.

Sgt. Jimmy Donohoe of the Pensacola, Florida Police Department and retired Captain Bill Cannata of the Westwood, Massachusetts Fire Department have been training first responders on how to better handle a call involving autism and related disabilities for 12 years. Both Jimmy and Bill have sons on the autism spectrum and are career long professionals in their perspective fields.

To register visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W33DNXH>

You will receive an email confirmation.

Pre-registration is required. Seating is limited to 200. A waiting list will be generated.

Law enforcement hours will be entered into Acadis.

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