



Niagara University Safety Awareness Training for Individuals with Disabilities

Date: September 28, 2021

Time: 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm CST

Place: Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel
3200 W. Maple Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57107

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Safety Awareness presentation description:

Be it the parent of a toddler or an adult transitioning to adult life, there are many angles and factors that go into ensuring the safety and well-being of a person with a disability. Establishing a fire safety or disaster preparedness plan, interacting with a police officer, calling and communicating with a 9-1-1 operator, having medical information ready for the EMT, and many other aspects are important to the well-being of any individual, but how does it differ and what do we need to know to be sure it turns out best for the individual. Disability Awareness Training has developed curriculum, spun off its grants in First Responder and Emergency Management Training, for parents of and individuals with disabilities to address comprehensive understanding of this topic.

Niagara University First Responder and Emergency Management Disability Awareness Training is the nation's only comprehensive training for firefighters, law enforcement, 9-1-1 telecommunicators, emergency medical services and emergency managers. The South Dakota Council on Developmental Disabilities has grant funded this program in the state.

TARGET AUDIENCE: INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, PARENTS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, SERVICE PROVIDERS

If you need accommodations (large print, Braille, ASL interpreter, other), please email Cary Newman at carynewman@niagara.edu.

Presenters:

David Whalen is the founder of disability awareness training and the principal trainer for first responders. He has been in the field of disabilities since 1986 and is the father of a 24 year-old son with disabilities. He has presented to over 600 audiences.

- Sioux Falls Police Officer Jacob Hanson
- Sioux Falls Fire Battalion Chief Mark Buckovich
- Sioux Falls EMS Educator Amy Marsh
- Sioux Falls Emergency Manager Regan Smith
- Sioux Falls 9-1-1 Communications Operator Teresa Pearson

Topics to be addressed include, but are not limited to:

911 Operations

- Calling 911
- Disclosure/explanation

Law Enforcement

- Victimization
- Proper Interactions
- Disclosure
- Communication
- Ways to contact

Firefighters

- Fire Safety planning
- Registries
- Alarms for blind/low vision and deaf/hard of hearing
- Egress/Exiting for individuals with physical disabilities
- Community Outreach

Emergency Medical Services

- EMT/paramedic defined
- Physical Disabilities
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- Information ready to go
- Service animals
- Hospital advance notice

Emergency Management

- Identification
- Advance/registry
- Personal preparedness

This training is made possible by funding from the South Dakota Council on Developmental Disabilities.