AUTISM: RECOGNITION AND PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFESSIONALS

Whether you are new to this career field or nearing retirement, there is a near certainty that you will interact with someone with autism during your daily duties. Autism today is growing at an alarming rate. Every day we see news stories about research, treatment, educational programs, or incidents involving individuals within the autism spectrum. When those stories include first responders, the stories don’t often end well. There are very few training programs addressing interaction with this type of developmental disability although it is the fastest growing childhood diagnosis with no cure. Recent CDC diagnosis rates are 1 in 68 children (1 in 42 males and 1 in 189 females). When you combine all these factors along with the fact that 40% of all individuals with autism never develop fluent speaking skills, how can you afford not to take this opportunity to receive vital training in this area? (The information provided in this course does not change, modify, or supersede any law, regulation, ordinance, policies or procedures of your agency, department or jurisdiction).

Course topics include:
- What is Autism?
- Signs and Behaviors
- Communication, Interaction, and Problem Solving
- Residential Target Hardening
- Vehicle Safety Measures
- Response Plans and Protocols

October 14, 2014
Allstate Center
St. Petersburg College
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$77.00

Please register by October 7, 2014.
Fee includes all class materials.
This class is not Trust Fund eligible.

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Instructor Dan McDonald began his law enforcement career in 1989 with the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office in Cincinnati, Ohio as a Corrections Officer. He became a law enforcement officer with the Naples Police Department in 1990 and joined the Collier County Sheriff’s Office (CCSO) in 1994. During his career, he has served as a Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, Youth Relations (SRO), Child Crimes Detective, Academy Instructor, and Homicide Detective. He is also a member of and Training Coordinator for the Hostage Negotiation Team. Sgt. McDonald worked on the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force under the Department of Justice as an undercover investigator until his promotion to Sergeant in 2005. Since that time, he has supervised the Crime Prevention Unit, Auto Theft Unit, Fraud Unit, and Domestic Violence Unit. He has been assigned to the Professional Responsibility Unit since September, 2013. Sgt. McDonald has a Bachelor’s degree in Executive Management, a dual Master’s of Business Administration in Marketing & International Business, and has begun Doctoral level work in the area of Service Based Organizational Leadership. He is married with three children - including an “outstanding” 11-year old son with autism.

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