

## **DISABILITY AWARENESS TRAINING**

**NO. OF OPENINGS: 35**  
**JULY 22, 2013**

**ERIE COUNTY**

**ANNOUNCED: 06/18/13**  
**FULL DAY SEMINAR**

### **Description:**

This seminar is sponsored by the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency services (DHSES), the Human Service branch and Exercise Committee of the DPC.

Designed to inspire empathy and give practical tips, this seminar is intended to provide answers many questions about interacting with people with disabilities as part of the disaster response, and provides a close look at the life of people with disabilities. What's the best way to greet someone in a wheelchair? How do you respond to challenging behavior? How much accommodation to disabilities is appropriate?

This course conforms to capabilities-based exercise evaluation outlined in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP), Volume III and third in a series of courses outlining the HSEEP methodology.

### **Who Should Attend?**

This seminar is open to any individual who has a role in emergency response and wants to have an understanding of disabilities so as to ensure a proactive approach in situations. These may include but not be limited to the providing services in the Shelter/ Mass Care Congregate Setting, Disaster Recovery Centers, dissemination of Public Information, or supporting any other response role.

### **Prerequisites:**

This course does not have any prerequisites, although participants are encouraged to complete the following awareness level NIMS Classes: IS-100, IS-700.

### **Costs:**

There is no fee for the course. Food, Lodging and Transportation costs are the responsibility of the participant. A lunch break will be provided for participants.

### **Contact:**

NYS Office of Emergency Management Training Section  
(518)292-2351 or [OEMTraining@DHSES.ny.gov](mailto:OEMTraining@DHSES.ny.gov)

**Location:** Erie County Emergency Services  
Training and Operations Center  
3359 Broadway  
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

**Times:** Full-Day Session 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### **Topics to be discussed:**

- Disabilities defined specific to Emergency Management needs
- Proper etiquette and interaction skills to include Person First Language
- Access and functional needs defined to include Universal Design
- Understanding how the whole community concept is imperative to proper response to individuals with disabilities and how to involve them.
- Challenges that emergency responders face when embracing proper response to certain segments of the disability community and how to address them.
- Community resources and other materials that assist Emergency Management in proper response
- Emergency services-Service provider collaboration

### **Registration:**

**Complete the registration form at:** (Click link)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YJ9WCPZ>

To ensure the most appropriate target audience, SOEM and the hosting jurisdiction will review all registrations prior to acceptance to the course. We reserve the right to close the registration period earlier than the closing date stated on the Course Announcement due to a number of registrations received.

### **Registration Deadline:**

**5:00 P.M. July 17, 2013**

**Completion:** Participants who actively participate and attend all course days will receive a Certificate of Attendance.

# TRAINING NOTICE