



ISAAC Foundation “Autism in the Wild”

TRAINING OBJECTIVES

- Assist first responders in understanding Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and recognize characteristics
- Provide tools for first responders to communicate and interact with individuals with ASD in an emergency situation
- Provide coaching on how to reduce or eliminate dangerous behaviors that could lead to otherwise harmful outcomes
- Demonstration on best escort and restraint practices, if necessary

TRAINING TOPICS

- Intro to ASD and classifications and severities
- Frequently used terms associated with ASD
- Sensory systems and sensory integration dysfunctions related to ASD
- Various forms of ASD communication and challenges associated with clear communication
- Encounter strategies specific to first responder job requirements
- Use of weighted blankets in the field
- Missing persons searches
- Use of ISAAC Alert 911 dispatch registration
- Instruction on use of escorts and therapeutic holds