

COMMENTS FROM ALEC PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

"This firefighter appreciates the effort given to make us more aware of this increasing problem...I know 100% more today than I did prior to this class."
Norwood Firefighter

"Instructor's first-hand knowledge of autism combined with police work made for excellent instruction."
Quincy Police

"Good to receive information from someone who has real life experience with autism."
Norwood Firefighter

"Instructor very knowledgable, easy to talk to."
Walpole EMT

"New subject - something different and helpful. Very informative."
Canton Firefighter

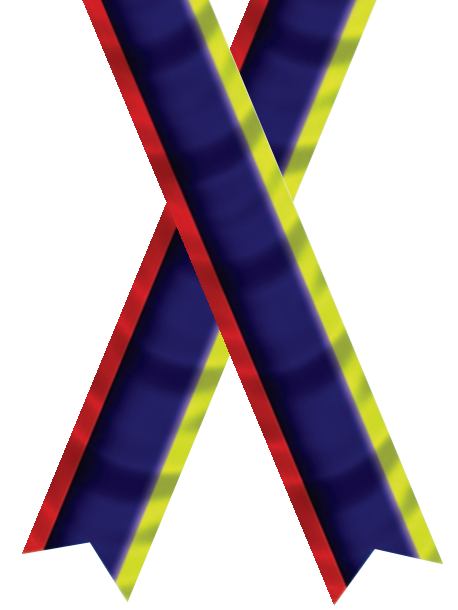
"Your in-depth knowledge on the subject, both personally and professionally, provided real insight for our members about this little known subject."
MIFDI President



ALEC will soon be available throughout Massachusetts. Call 781-762-4001 x420 to schedule ALEC training in your area.

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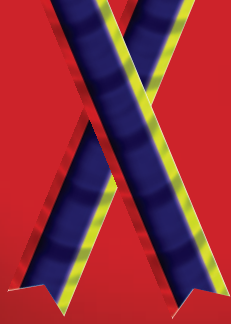
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Training Program



A project of The Family Autism Center at South Norfolk County ARC and Norfolk County District Attorney's Office.
In collaboration with the Massachusetts DMR/Autism Spectrum Division



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Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) is now estimated to occur in one out of every 166 births. People with ASD are 7 times more likely to have 911 encounters than people in the general population. Gain or refresh the knowledge that you need to protect and communicate with people in this fast growing segment of society.

ALEC training helps foster a deeper understanding of ASD among public safety and law enforcement personnel. Training is available for police officers, emergency room personnel and firefighters, using curriculum and videos specific to each group. Basic EMTs, intermediate EMTs and paramedics earn 3 OEMS hours (continuing education hours) for ALEC training.

Presenters are first responders with direct knowledge of ASD through a family member. Because of this personal knowledge, they are able to answer questions on a wide range of possible situations.

The goal of ALEC training is to complement but not replace your previous training and to provide additional tools to use in assessing the risk of a situation.

Training available through ALEC

Autism 101

- What is Autism (ASD)?
- Behaviors and characteristics
- Suggested responses
- Avoiding unfortunate situations
- Mandatory reporting

Firefighter Training

Entering a smoke-filled building, you are told there is a child with ASD still inside, possibly hiding...What is the best way to locate and communicate with the child? What kind of equipment may be needed?

- General ASD characteristics
- Rescue tips/EMS situations
- Ensuring safe outcomes
- Discussion of possible situations

Police Officer Training

A local store manager reports a teenager acting erratically, rocking, flapping her hands, echoing the clerk's words...Is she on drugs? Is she in trouble? How can you determine if ASD is a factor?

- General ASD characteristics
- How to communicate
- Ensuring safe outcomes
- Discussion of possible situations

ER Personnel Training

An adult is brought to the emergency room from an accident scene by ambulance. He flips light switches on and off repeatedly and shouts "NO" over and over...How might you calm the patient? How can you get needed information?

- General ASD characteristics
- How to communicate
- Adapting the environment
- Discussion of possible situations

Call The Family Autism Center at SNCARC to schedule an ALEC training session

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