



**Firefighter/EMS Disability Awareness Training - IN PERSON - Train the Trainer**  
**November 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**Missouri FF/EMS Personnel Only**

The Niagara University First Responder Disability Awareness Training (NU FRDAT) program is pleased to announce an in person Firefighter/EMS Disability Awareness Train the Trainer.

The ability to respond to individuals with disabilities has posed varying challenges to first responders across the country and high-profile cases have exposed the need for more involved awareness and education. As the population increases and more individuals are active in the community, the need to ensure accurate and appropriate response is critical. This training both sensitizes and educates firefighter/EMS personnel on how to effectively recognize, identify, approach, interact and respond (RIAIR MODEL) to various disabilities they will encounter in their line of duty.

Topics include, but are not limited to, disabilities defined & appropriate response, fire safety planning, etiquette and interaction skills, abuse recognition and response, challenging behaviors, service animals, emergency planning and preparedness, and people/identify first language. This training is specifically meant for individuals who intend to TRAIN their peers and report back to NU-FRDAT regarding trainings completed.

This is a **FREE** training. There is a \$50 no call no show fee. Lunch is on your own. All attendees must pre-register online and be approved by the Project Director in order to attend.

**Date:** November 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
**Time:** 8:00am-5:00pm Central Time

Health Science Institute  
3444 Broadway Room 101  
Kansas City, MO 64111  
Parking available at the 34th Terrace entrance.

**REGISTER at <http://frdat.niagara.edu/> or [CLICK HERE](#)**

**If you are in need of accommodations such as ASL Interpreter, or Closed Caption, email [carynewman@niagara.edu](mailto:carynewman@niagara.edu).**

**David Whalen** has been in the field of disabilities since 1986, founding Disability Awareness Training in 2004. He has conducted 600 training sessions, 250 of them for first and emergency responders.

He has held numerous leadership positions serving individuals with developmental and other disabilities including 17 years at Niagara County ARC and Board Chair of Parent Network of WNY. Dave is a certified ADA trainer through the Region II Northeast ADA center. Dave is a member of the National Fire Protection Association's Disability Accessibility Review and Advisory Committee. He serves in a similar role as consultant to the Fire Department of New York, which trains all their personnel on this program.. He is a 2007 Partners in Policymaking graduate and the father of 23 year-old twins, his son has developmental disabilities.