

# Think **DIFFERENTLY.**

**Dutchess County Executive Marcus J. Molinaro**  
invites families with individuals diagnosed with Autism to

## **First Responder Autism Awareness Training for Families**

**Wednesday, May 8th at 6 p.m.**

**Dept. of Behavioral and Community Health Training Room**  
230 North Road, Poughkeepsie

Learn how you can help family members with Autism interact with first responders in an emergency. Nationally renowned instructors Captain Bill Cannata (Westwood, MA Fire Department - retired) and Lt. Jimmy Donohoe (Pensacola, FL Police Department) will teach families how to best interact with police, fire fighters, EMS, and security guards during an emergency.

### **Topics will include:**

- Developing strategies to prepare for encounters with first responders
- Effective communication
- Building relationships with the first responder community
- Understanding special tactics and rescue techniques used by first responders

**Register at [dutchessny.gov/AutismAwarenessTraining](https://dutchessny.gov/AutismAwarenessTraining)**

*To request reasonable accommodations, including sign language interpreters,  
contact Wendy Cady at [wcady@dutchessny.gov](mailto:wcady@dutchessny.gov) or 845-486-3432.*

*Notice is required seven days prior to the event.*

