



POAC'S AUTISM SHIELD

This training makes the general community a safer place for individuals with autism and the first responders who serve them.

Over **70,000**
First Responders
Trained

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AUTISM SERVICES
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Increase Officer and Citizen Safety

This training is directly credited with saving the lives of children with autism throughout New Jersey. Officers learn concrete skills and tips as well as search and rescue strategies specific to individuals on the autism spectrum.



Enhance Officer Communication and Response Skills

Participants learn about the communication and sensory challenges experienced by those on the autism spectrum and how to get individuals to follow commands.



Increase Positive Outcomes in Field Interactions

Participants will be given an overview of the autism spectrum and how different individuals may present in the field. Behavioral de-escalation techniques are presented as well as strategies to help avoid potential problems and triggers.



Build Community Partnerships

New Jersey has the highest rate of autism in the country and you will encounter these individuals in your day to day operations. Autism Shield will help you respond in the most effective way.

POAC AUTISM SHIELD TRAINING

The actions or non- responsiveness of individuals with autism are almost always misinterpreted by untrained individuals. However, these contacts can often be easily resolved when the officers and professionals involved have the information they need to navigate what can be a complex situation.

OUR INSTRUCTOR: GARY WEITZEN

- ✓ Executive Director POAC Autism Services
- ✓ Certified Law Enforcement Instructor with the Police Training Commission of NJ
- ✓ Member National Search and Rescue
- ✓ Member of his local EMS Squad
- ✓ Special State Officer on the NJ Governor's Council on Autism
- ✓ Crisis Intervention Team Graduate
- ✓ Gulf War Veteran
- ✓ Has appeared on virtually every major network and local news station as an expert on autism
- ✓ Has given presentations to tens of thousands of people across New Jersey.

Please call the POAC Office at
732-785-1099
for Fees and Availability



**The Autism Safety Experts
Offering Real Solutions**



When we can do something that saves the lives of both members of the community and our members, then we should do everything we can to make sure they get this training and education.

NJ PBA President

*featured in NJ Cops Magazine
commenting on POAC's Autism Shield*



Weitzen offers these solutions by way of presenting nuggets of knowledge, that register and retain. His style combines a bit of Jon Stewart and Tony Robbins, with a hint of Tony Dungy. And he won't hesitate to shock you.

NJ Cops Magazine

AUTISM SHIELD TRAINING IS APPROPRIATE FOR

Law Enforcement

Fire Fighters

EMS Providers

Crisis Intervention Teams

CERTs

Search and Rescue

Prosecutors

Child Abduction Response Teams

Departments of Corrections

Hospital Staff & Security

Medical Reserve Corps

Campus Police and Security

Federal Air Marshals

Military Police, TSA, & Other First Responders

POAC'S AUTISM SHIELD PROGRAM

**KEEPING INDIVIDUALS SAFE IN
THE SCHOOL, HOME & COMMUNITY**

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