



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
H. Martin Lancaster, President

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Continuing Education Officers

From: Ray Harrington, Program Coordinator
Criminal Justice, BLET and Correction Education

Subject: In-Service Training for Public Safety First Responders

Recently the Criminal Justice Education and Training Commission approved additional training in the Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) program. The new training is "Dealing with the Autistic Person" and is currently a part of the BLET outline, "Dealing with Victims and the Public." It has come to our attention from Representative Joe P. Tolson and Ms. Marsha Jones, Executive Director and Government Affairs Advocate of the Autism Foundation of North Carolina, that there is a need to expand this training to all in-service first responders, e.g., law enforcement, fire, and EMS. Therefore, we encourage you to make the training available in your service area. It is also recommended that a certified criminal justice instructor, or other qualified professional, conduct the training.

The purpose of the training is to provide fair and appropriate treatment of persons with autism and to provide first responders with information that will promote effective communication and interaction with this population.

A copy of the outline, "Dealing with Victims and the Public," is attached for your convenience. Questions and comments may be directed to me at 919/807-7117 or harringtonr@ncccs.cc.nc.us.

Thank you for your assistance.

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Attachment

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