



ALERT Program: Autism Awareness Training for First Responders



The South Carolina Fire Academy is partnering with The Arc of South Carolina to offer the ALERT training program to active fire, police, EMS, and dispatch personnel. This program is designed to provide comprehensive training for first responders to effectively assist individuals on the autism spectrum during an emergency situation. This course covers essential knowledge, practical skills, and strategies to ensure safe and supportive interactions.

Attendees will learn how to recognize an individual who might be on the autism spectrum, how a person on the autism spectrum may respond in a search and rescue situation and what to do to help, how to treat individuals on the autism spectrum as a patient, and communication strategies to help alleviate the stress of an emergency.

Registration Information

Date: Thursday, October 31, 2024

Time: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Location: SC State Fire, Denny Auditorium
141 Monticello Trail
Columbia, SC 29203

Fee: \$20, lunch included

Agencies will receive an invoice for “no show” students.

Registration: 8307-25-001 <https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=82168>

Note: When completing your registration, you will be prompted to enter your Fire Department name. Click to search, and select the appropriate agency. If your agency is not listed, contact amy.williamson@llr.sc.gov.

About the Presenter

The Arc of South Carolina promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.

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