



SENATOR ROY MCDONALD

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Senator Roy McDonald and the Saratoga County Council on Autism would like to extend an invitation to your organization to attend an excellent conference that will provide training and education for first responders who may come in contact with individuals suffering from developmental disabilities, in particular autism.

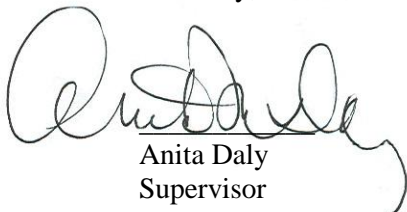
On Thursday, March 26th the Saratoga County Council on Autism will be hosting an Autism First Responders Conference; to educate and train our first responders and emergency professionals so they can be prepared to assist those with developmental disabilities. The conference will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Comfort Inn Suites in Clifton Park with no cost for those attending.

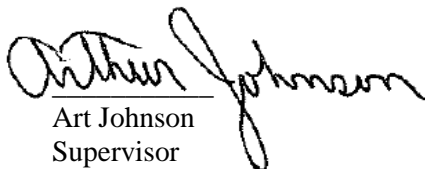
The conference will be moderated by Dennis Debbaudt, an author, producer and law enforcement trainer who specializes in providing autism recognition response and risk management training to law enforcement and emergency first responders. Mr. Debbaudt is known nationally for his work and has consulted various agencies including the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Bureau of Investigation and numerous community police and fire departments.

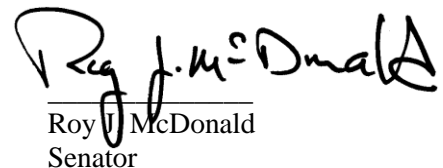
In recent times the number of reported cases of those suffering from autism spectrum disorders has skyrocketed. This has resulted in an increased number of situations where emergency responders are interacting directly with individuals that are often unable or unwilling to interact back, not because they do not want to, but because their condition prevents a normal response.

Please **RSVP** for this event by **March 16th** with Jennifer Ciulla at: phone number 518-885-2212, or email jenciulla@saratogacountyny.gov. It is important that you register for this event in a timely manner so that we can ensure your spot at the conference.

Sincerely,


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