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Important Notice for All NJ Emergency Responders

The “DO NO HARM – Developmental Disabilities Awareness Training for NJ First Responders” project began in 2008 when Governor Corzine signed Public Law 2008, chapter 80, mandating a training program for all emergency responders regarding appropriate recognition and response techniques when encountering any individual who has autism or any other developmental disability. Many state agencies and interested stakeholders came together to create this on-line course for all firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians and paramedics.

The course is now available at www.NJLearn.com as mandatory continuing education for all New Jersey firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians and paramedics. All New Jersey first responders must complete this course at some time during the next three years in order to comply with P.L.2008, c.80. New Jersey-certified EMTs and Paramedics must have the course completed as a requirement of recertification beginning with December 31, 2010 recertifications.

New Jersey-certified EMTs and Paramedics will receive 1 elective continuing education credit (CEU) upon successful completion of the course. New Jersey Fire Instructors will also receive 1 CEU. Individuals will need to save their certificate as proof of course completion. All new recruits to these emergency responder fields must take this training as well.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Kathy Lutz at the NJ Department of Health & Senior Services Office of Emergency Medical Services at (609) 633-7777.

Thank you for your continued commitment to providing the highest quality Emergency Services to our citizens.