

This course has been approved for credit under Continuing Law Enforcement Education (CLEE) by the Municipal Police Officers' Education & Training Commission (MPOETC). MPOETC was established in 1974 to set certification and training standards for police officers employed by municipalities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



Each participant will receive 3 CLEE credits for attending this course.

A training session can accommodate up to 25 individuals; multiple sessions can be held.

Cost is \$800 per three-hour session.

For more information or to schedule a training, please contact:

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The Center for Autism was founded in 1955 by renowned child psychiatrist Dr. Bertram A. Ruttenberg, and is the oldest specialized autism center in the nation. A non-profit organization, the Center offers diagnostic evaluation services and intensive treatment programs to over 1,500 individuals and families each year at its two Philadelphia locations. For more information, visit www.TheCenterforAutism.org



The Ruttenberg Autism Center, located in Blue Bell, PA, is committed to helping people with Autism Spectrum Disorder throughout their lifetime. Providing evaluations, assessment and treatment in a timely manner to people of all ages, the Ruttenberg Autism Center clinicians have extensive experience and expertise in Autism Spectrum Disorder. For more information, visit www.Ruttenberg.com

APPRECIATING AUTISM: A TRAINING COURSE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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*A MPOETC-approved
Continuing Law
Enforcement Education
(CLEE) Credit Course*

The Center for Autism & Ruttenberg Autism Center, two leading providers of autism services in Pennsylvania, are pleased to jointly offer this course to law enforcement agencies throughout the Commonwealth.

The objective of the curriculum is to teach law enforcement officers to prepare for common interactions that may take place with individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and learn how to effectively navigate those interactions for the safety and welfare of the individual and the officer. Autism affects 1 in 68 children today. Those children will be aging out of services in the future and could be likely to interact with law enforcement and/or first responders.

Through videos, lecture, Q&A, demonstration and mock scenarios, topics covered will include:

- Autism 101
- Elopement & Wandering
- Interviewing people with ASD
- Risk of Abuse
- Sensory Processing, Communication Barriers & Differences in Social Interaction
- Community Involvement



"We have an opportunity to build lasting relationships with law enforcement and local disability advocacy organizations, being a more effective guardian of our community. We are aiming to be more informed and prevent tragedy when first responders have interaction with those who have intellectual disabilities."

-Michael Orlor, Police Chief, Borough of Conshohocken



Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Describe key features of autism, including misconceptions, understanding core deficits, prevalence both nationally and locally, and navigating the transition to adulthood while facing a lack of services.
- Identify relationship between autism and law enforcement - recent events, statistics and likelihood of contact, possible interactions with individuals with autism.
- Recognize elopement and wandering, signs of victimization and abuse, and other challenges due to sensory or communication issues.
- Identify ways to avoid escalation.
- Implement successful ways to interview individuals with autism.
- Establish techniques to safely and efficiently interact with individuals with autism.
- Determine best practices to promote community engagement.