

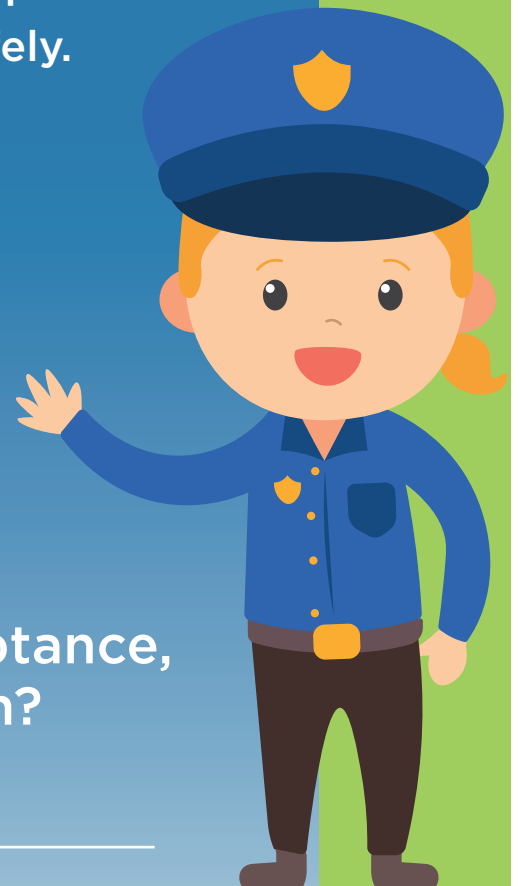
FIRST RESPONDER MEET & GREET

A Sensory-Friendly Autism Event!

1 IN 44 CHILDREN
have autism spectrum disorder



For children with autism, learning to interact with first responders is critical. On the other hand, it is just as essential for first responders to understand autism and be prepared to respond effectively and safely.



Will you join us for
Autism Awareness, Acceptance,
and Advocacy Month?

Contact: _____



A PERSON WITH AUTISM MIGHT:

- Have an impaired sense of danger.
- Wander to bodies of water, traffic or other dangers.
- Be overwhelmed by police presence.
- Fear a person in uniform (ex. fire turnout gear) or exhibit curiosity and reach for objects/equipment (ex. shiny badge or handcuffs).
- React with “fight” or “flight.”
- Not respond to “stop” or other commands.
- Have delayed speech and language skills.
- Not respond to their name or verbal commands.
- Avoid eye contact.
- Engage in repetitive behavior (ex. rocking, stimming, handflapping).
- Have sensory perception issues.
- Have epilepsy or seizure disorder.