

# FREE Autism Emergency Preparedness Training • Oct. 26, 2018



The Autism Society of Minnesota, in partnership with Arc Midstate, Opportunity Matters, and WACOSA, invites you to participate in one of two sessions tailored to provide strategies for helping individuals with autism in emergency situations.



## Autism and Emergency Preparedness Training Oct. 26, 2018 • Session 1 (10 a.m.-12 p.m.) • Session 2 (1:30-3:30 p.m.)

### Training Objectives

- Receive general introduction to autism.
- Learn about the characteristics of autism as manifested in children, teenagers, and adults.
- Understand how to interpret the behavior of those on the spectrum.
- Obtain strategies for communication and behavior management of those with autism in likely emergency response situations.

### Training Presented by Eric Ringgenberg, Autism Society of Minnesota

Eric Ringgenberg is the Education Program Manager for the Autism Society of Minnesota. He has more than 10 years of experience working with individuals on the autism spectrum in multiple settings, as well as coordinating implementation of evidence-based practices.

### Who Should Attend

Police officers, firemen, EMTs, paramedics, security workers, ER and trauma workers, crisis team members, social workers, correctional officers, school safety officers, bus drivers. \*POST CEUs and certificates of attendance will be available.

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Sessions will be held concurrent with the Autism Supports, Strategies, and Resources workshop for parents, caregivers, support professionals, and individuals with autism. Session participants are welcome to join workshop participants for lunch and a panel discussion presented by individuals on the spectrum and parents following the Emergency Preparedness Session 1 or prior to the Emergency Preparedness Session 2. The lunch will be a great time to meet community members and to share valuable insight on working together in support of positive interactions.

### Location

Sartell Community Center  
850 19th St. S., Sartell, MN 56377

### Cost

Free of charge for first responders,  
but registration is required.

To register for one of the Autism Emergency Preparedness Training Sessions and/or the community lunch and panel session in Sartell, visit [www.ausm.org](http://www.ausm.org).



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