

The 411 on Training 911 Responders

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ABOUT THE PRESENTERS:

Mariesa Rang is a part-time instructor and PhD student at Western Michigan University. Miss Rang's research focus is training emergency first responders on how to communicate with people with complex communication needs and is striving to share the training program nationwide.

Sharon Mankey is a retired Assistant Clinical Professor and Director of Purdue University Fort Wayne Communication Disorders Clinic. Ms. Mankey began training emergency first Responders in how to better communicate with individuals with complex communication needs in the State of Indiana in 2016 and to date have trained approximately 2,000 first responders in Indiana, Michigan, and Montana.

SEMINAR DESCRIPTION:

Following a conversation with a firefighter in 2014, the presenters realized emergency first responders were not being trained for interacting with individuals who have complex communication needs. This session will discuss the creation and implementation of a training program which began in 2016. Information will include a "how to" guide for contacting first responder departments and a brief overview of the presenters' training program. The presenters will also provide resources for participants to begin training first responders in their own communities and will discuss practical tips on how to engage first responders in this critical conversation.

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PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO:

1. Explain the importance of training emergency first responders about interacting with individuals with complex communication needs.
2. List the steps of arranging and conducting trainings with first responders.
3. Demonstrate how to find resources applicable to training first responders.

TIME ORDERED AGENDA:

- 5 minutes: Introduction of speaker, USSAAC and topic
- 5 minutes: History/background of training
- 10 minutes: Logistics of contacting departments/funding
- 25 minutes: Overview of training process
- 10 minutes: Previewing the website
- 5 minutes: Q and A

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