**Course Description:**
This 8 hour course will provide you with a basic understanding of autism and how individuals with autism behave, communicate and react in various situations. Furthermore, it will address high risk and crisis incidents and provide you with tips and strategies to diffuse and deescalate the situation. Additionally, it will address how to conduct interviews involving victims, witnesses and suspects who have autism.

**Course Objectives:**
At the end of this program, students should be able to:
- Understand what autism is and how people are affected by it
- Recognize possible signs of autism
- Understand how autism affects people differently
- Develop alternative ways of identifying people with autism
- Understand the various challenges of interviewing people with autism
- Develop strategies for reducing stress and anxiety in people with autism
- Understand what types of crimes and schemes that people with autism are more likely to become victims
- Recognize the importance of developing departmental policies and procedures for addressing missing person cases involving people with autism.

**Who Should Attend:**
- Law Enforcement Patrol Officers
- Police Service Aids
- Supervisors

**Instructor:**
Autism Safety101, Inc. was started by Bart Barta. Bart is the proud father of a teenage son with autism. Bart is a retired police commander from the Coral Gables Police Department (FL) with more than 31 years of experience. He is also a certified law enforcement instructor who has trained more than 6,000 officers how to successfully interact with people who have autism. For more than 10 years, Bart served as an instructor for the nationally recognized Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training Program in Miami-Dade County. Bart is a former SWAT and Crisis Management Team (Hostage Negotiations) Commander. He also has more than 20 years of criminal investigative experience and served as the Commander of the Criminal Investigations Division. For six years, Bart served as a member of the University of Miami-Nova Southeastern University’s Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) Constituency Board.

**Fees:** None for Certified Officers and authorized support staff.

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**Attendance:** Attendance at the initial class is mandatory. All students must adhere to the attendance requirements of the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission and the Rules, Policies and Procedures of the Institute of Public Safety

**Dress Policy:** Your department’s authorized training uniform. Law enforcement personnel not in uniform that are carrying exposed firearms must prominently display agency ID and/or badge at all times while on college property.

**Submit Registration form to:** Institute of Public Safety, 3501 Davie Road, Davie, Florida 33314, Attn: Professional Development

**FAX:** 954.201.6305 s For further information, please call 954.201.6787 or 954.201.6769

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