

Library Event

What: Educating a Police Force

Who: Guest Speaker Officer Robert Tuohy of the Easton Police Department explains his work educating fellow officers who serve citizens with autism.

Where: Room LA 560

When: April 10, 2007 - 9:00 to 11:00 AM



Easton Police Officer Robert Tuohy teaches emergency workers how to deal with the special needs of autistic children and adults. As the father of an autistic son, Officer Tuohy knows the many challenges that face parents and emergency personnel in dealing with persons with autism.

In 2003, Tuohy joined the Autism & Law Enforcement Coalition, which was started by Norfolk County District Attorney William P. Keating to train police, firefighters, and rescue workers on how to recognize and deal with autism. The coalition meets monthly at the Norwood Police station. Statistics show that one in 250 people is now diagnosed with some form of autism, and it is four times more common in boys than girls.

The coalition is considering making training on autism a requirement for police recruits in the academy and for veteran officers who undergo in-service training.

Members of the law enforcement and emergency services and the public are invited to attend this presentation.

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