



# AUTISM AWARENESS

*World Autism Day* IS A DAY THAT BRINGS AUTISM ORGANIZATIONS TOGETHER TO AID IN RESEARCH, DIAGNOSES, TREATMENT AND OVERALL AWARENESS.

## *Autism Lingo*

-  Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a developmental disability that can cause significant social, communication and behavioral challenges.
-  The symptoms are present from early childhood and affect daily functioning.


## *BSO FR Airport Personnel and Autism in Flight*


The Autism in Flight Program provides a full airport experience in a relaxed setting that prepares participants for travel. Children and their families check-in, go through security, walk the terminal to their gate, board a JetBlue plane and experience a "take-off."

## *BSO FR and BSO DLE and Annual Autism Awareness Day*

Offering an opportunity for those who are affected by autism to learn about resources available. People with ASD will have the opportunity to meet firefighter/paramedics and deputies in full uniform and see their emergency vehicles and equipment in a non-threatening environment.

## *ASD Stats*

ASD occurs in all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups, but is five times more common among  boys than girls.

CDC estimates that about 1 in 68 children has been identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). 



## *BSO FR Personnel ALEC Training*

This course is presented by the Autism and Law Enforcement Education Coalition (ALEC) and has been designed to train first responders at major transit areas to work with traveling children and adults with ASD.

## *BSO FR and BSO DLE and Annual Surfers for Autism*

200 children with autism and developmental delays receive the opportunity to surf, eliminating stigma through public awareness and education. This is a very special day where children with ASD interact with peers and volunteers and wow families with their capabilities.

# WORLD AUTISM DAY IS APRIL 2, 2018