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Dear Members of the EMS Community:

The "DO NO HARM – Developmental Disabilities Awareness Training for NJ First Responders" project began in 2008 when Governor Corzine signed Public Law 2008, chapter 80, mandating a training program for all emergency responders regarding appropriate recognition and response techniques when encountering any individual with autism or any other developmental disability. Many state agencies and interested stakeholders came together to create this on-line course for all firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians and paramedics.

The course is available at www.NJLearn.com as mandatory continuing education for all of our firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians and paramedics. All New Jersey EMTs and Paramedics must have this course completed prior to recertification beginning with those individuals in the December 31, 2010 recertification cycle as required by P.L.2008, c.80.

New Jersey-certified EMTs and Paramedics will receive 1 elective continuing education credit (CEU) upon successful completion of the course. New Jersey Fire Instructors will also receive 1 CEU. Individuals will need to save their certificate as proof of course completion. All new recruits to these emergency responder fields must complete this training as well.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Kathy Lutz at the Office of Emergency Medical Services by calling (609) 633-7777.

Thank you for your continued commitment to providing the highest quality Emergency Medical Services to our citizens.

Sincerely,

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