AUTISM RECOGNITION & RESPONSE

January's training topic is on Autism. Recognizing common autism characteristics can help officers rule out defiance or under the influence traits that officers typically conclude are the reason for a person's actions. This training is designed to help prepare officers to make a more informed, professional, and helpful response.

People on the autism spectrum can display recognizable indicators that may mirror someone under the influence or defiant. Unfortunately, as you'll see in some videos, due to a lack of training and/or recognition, officers react as a default as if someone is resisting/hiding something.

<u>Day 1</u> – Two YouTube videos to play. Approximately 20 minutes total.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QI4tz86QuZA   5min 6sec

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nIflwT7Thpg   15min 41sec

<u>Day 2</u> - Follow the same steps as last month (below).

Below is a link that will take you directly to the 2-hour POST website training on Autism Recognition & Response. Follow the below instructions to keep the training around 30 minutes.

1) POST Portal sign-in- https://pass.post.ca.gov/login?service=https://lp.post.ca.gov/Pass/Index
    a. Click on the above link. (My info should populate the required sign-in info)
    b. Click on "sign in"
2) Type **"autism"** into the search box and click "search."
3) Click on the title **Autism Recognition & Response**.
4) On the left of the page, click **"Review"** if available. If not, then click "Start."
5) You'll now be on the menu page.
    a. Select **"Communication"**
    b. Next, select **"Conflict & Arrest"**