



## PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT Psychological Services Division



To whom it may concern,

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My name is Corporal Todd Miceli and I am assigned to the Prince George's County Police Departments, Psychological Services Division. I was tasked recently with filling a three hour block of instruction on Autism, and Intellectual Disabilities. Starting from scratch I made a cold call to Pathfinders for Autism and it was one of the most beneficial phone calls I have ever made.

I was lucky enough to make contact with Shelly Allred, the Director of Communications for Pathfinders for Autism, who ultimately provided that three hour block of instruction to our academies recruits class, Session #129. I was completely blown away with her group's professionalism, knowledge, and willingness to share stories with the police recruits. Most importantly, Shelly was able to bring two young men to speak to the class that had Autism, and an Intellectual Disability. When these two young men spoke to the recruits, and assisted with a few role play scenarios, I believe it truly touched the students. To facilitate real life people and events to our young recruits went far beyond our expectations.

I can't speak highly enough of Shelly Allred, Harford County Sheriff's Detective Janelle Myers, Drew Myers, Glenn Myers, and Jake Edwards for the effort they put into their presentation. It was so well received, that we are already in discussion for not only presenting to our next recruit class, but implementing their training into our yearly in-service training for 2016. I feel very confident that each recruit that attended this training, will be much more confident and willing to assist a family that may be having an incident our situation with an Autistic family member. I highly recommend Pathfinders for Autism to anyone that may need training pertaining to Autism or Intellectual Disabilities, they are second to none!

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