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Mrs. Allred:

Over the past (3) months, the Carroll County Sheriff's Office and Pathfinders for Autism worked in tandem for our annual in-service training program. During this time over 180 law enforcement professional were trained in how to identify autism spectrum disorders and how to effectively handle this unique and challenging developmental disability. The program presented by your organization was well organized, effective, and professionally presented to our county's law enforcement community.

To date a number of deputies/officers have approached me and advised they have successfully implemented the skills taught in the classroom to individuals suffering from developmental disabilities, which they encountered during "calls for service". Based on the aforementioned facts, the training you provided law enforcement professionals serving the citizens of Carroll County enabled them to recognize the characteristics of autism, and understand the associate risks to intervene appropriately.

Our sincere thanks for a job well done!

Sergeant Mark M. DeBord

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