

INTEGRATED DEMENTIA RESPONSE FOR FIRST RESPONDERS


**FREE
REGISTRATION!!!**




SEATS ARE LIMITED!

**SECURE YOUR
SPOT TODAY!**



 **June 13, 2026**
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

 **Southwest Virginia
Higher Education Center**
One Partnership Circle
Abingdon, VA 24210

This unique training opportunity will provide foundational knowledge and skills in caring for older adults, particularly during emergency response. Content will focus on the challenges of living with dementia from both the patient and caregiver perspectives, including disease progression, management, communication skills, and community resources. The content aligns with goals set forth in the Virginia Dementia State Plan 2024-2027: Building a Dementia Capable Virginia, which seeks to incorporate a public health approach to mitigate its impact. As front-line workers, first responders are uniquely poised to help with early identification of older adults who would benefit from referral and treatment, thereby reducing disease and disability.


6 HOURS CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR EMS & LAW ENFORCEMENT

AGENDA

- Session 1: Becoming Dementia Capable: An EMS Provider Call to Action**
Kimberly Davis, PhD, RN, CNE
George Worthington, Dementia Services Director at DARS
- Session 2: Medication Safety and Age-Friendly Perspectives**
Patty Slattum, PharmD, PhD
- Session 3: Elder Abuse: An EMS Provider's Role**
Pam Teaster, PhD, EMT
- Session 4: Recognize, Respond, Refer: A Neuropsychologist's Guide to Dementia for First Responders**
Andrea Sartori, PhD, Clinical Neuropsychologist
- Session 5: SeniorNavigator and the VirginiaNavigator: Supporting Older Adults Living with Dementia and the Caregivers and Families Who Care for Them**
Bonnie Scimone, Community Specialist & Marketing Assistant:
VirginiaNavigator

**LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
FOOD TRUCKS ON SITE**

OPEN TO ALL FIRST RESPONDERS, INCLUDING:

-  **Law Enforcement**
-  **Fire**
-  **EMS**
-  **Mental Health Clinicians**
-  **Healthcare Professionals**
-  **911 Communication Specialists**

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