The Mentoring and Outreach Workgroup, which is a subgroup under the Black Leaders Serving for Advancement (BLSA) Committee

Presents

An Open Forum on Social Justice regarding Persons with disabilities

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

7:00 PM EDT.

6:00 PM CDT.

5:00 PM MDT.

4:00 PM PDT.

The Mentoring and Outreach Workgroup is inviting all to participate in an open and cordial discussion on how persons with disabilities can often be misunderstood by interactions with law enforcement. “These misunderstandings can have traumatic, even deadly, consequences”. Therefore the Workgroup will facilitate a dialog on bridging the gap between authorities and people with various disabilities; by providing awareness on diagnoses, white canes, auxiliary aides and appropriate handling.

We will hear from several officers from the Northeast Ohio Bureau of Community Relations, such as Officer RaShawn Rahim, Officer Adrian Calhoun and Officer Bohdan Roshetskyx. Also, engaging in the discussion will be Theodore Wentz, former New York City Transit Officer and a member from the NFB of Charlotte North Carolina and Joseph Rider, a former employee of The San Diego Crime Commission. All will offer suggestions and best practices on how to communicate, conform and request reasonable accommodations when you encounter law enforcement.

Of course this event is unable to make a significant impact across the country in one night. However, a first step-by-step approach is a good start.

Agenda:

Welcome:

William Turner, Ohio

Prayer:

Joann Williams, Ohio

Round Table Manners:

Steven Lindsey, DC

Introductions:

LeRon Carter, IN

Round table Reaching For A Common Accord:

Suzanne Turner, Chair

Q/A

Film:

More Discussion

Q/A

Closing Remarks:

The event is open to all!

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