



Mental Health Weekly Digest

Alzheimer Disease

New Jersey police department completes Alzheimer and dementia training

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The National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners completed training with the Sparta, New Jersey, Police Department in the area of Alzheimer and dementia care. The course was 7 hours and the entire police force completed the training conducted over a 2-day period.

The NCCDP seminar included recognizing abuse and neglect in the home, communication (live their truth), paranoia, hallucinations, aggressive behaviors, catastrophic reactions, wandering, elopement, hoarding, symptoms of dementia, care giver issues, diagnosis, prognosis, treatment, feelings, medications, depression, sexuality and intimacy issues, cultural diversity, nutrition, activities, pain, environment,...

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