



**The Los Angeles Police Department &
the Autism Society of America- Los Angeles**

announce a new

Autism Awareness Program

Volunteers needed to provide Autism Awareness training
for LAPD officers

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and the Autism Society of America- Los Angeles Chapter (ASA-LA) have partnered to develop an **Autism Awareness Roll Call Training Program** targeted to LAPD officers. Volunteers from the Los Angeles area autism community will present key information about autism spectrum disorders during roll call briefings in October and November, 2007.

Families and members of the community touched by autism will visit all 19 stations, personalizing autism to assist officers in their response to this growing population. Officers will increase their ability to recognize the features of autism spectrum disorders, draw upon relevant intervention techniques, and know resources for more information.

The project organizers, Detective Gil Escontrias of the LAPD Detective Support and Vice Division, Crisis Support Section, Mental Evaluation Unit (MEU) and Emily Iland, M.A., and Caroline Wilson, R.N, BSN of the Autism Society of America- Los Angeles, invite volunteers from the community to be trained to present the autism awareness program.

Volunteers may reside anywhere but must be available to visit one or more of the 19 LAPD stations. Training sessions including all necessary materials and coaching will be provided. To volunteer, or for more information, call 562-804-5556 ext 2.

Volunteer Training Session

Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at 7:00 pm

The H.E.L.P. Group/Village Glen Culver City Campus

4160 Grand View Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90066

Volunteer Training Session

Thursday, September 27, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

The Academy for the Advancement of Children with Autism

20040 Parthenia St. Northridge, CA 91324

Collaborating organizations include Fiesta Educativa
and the Los Angeles Asperger Support Group.