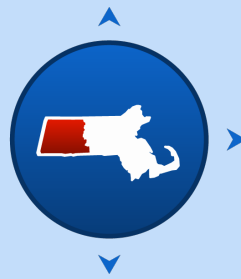


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### Advanced Medical Life Support Training

The WRHSAC is offering two sessions of **Advanced Medical Life Support** training. The first session will be held on **Monday and Tuesday, January 30 & 31, 2023**. The second session on **Saturday and Sunday, February 25 & 26, 2023**. Both sessions will be held at Easthampton Fire Department.

Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS) remains the gold standard of education for emergency medical assessment and treatment. Endorsed by the National Association of EMS Physicians, AMLS emphasizes the use of the AMLS Assessment Pathway, a systematic tool for assessing and managing common medical conditions with urgent accuracy.

**Registration is required. The training is free.**

[Click here to register](#)

**ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION®**



**UNDERSTAND, APPROACH & RESPOND**  
Effective Interventions for First Responders

This training is offered by the Alzheimer's Association.

The goal of this training is to educate Fire and EMS personnel on the impact that Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias may have on individuals and communities. This program has been developed specifically for Fire and EMS. Strategies acquired from this

training will provide an understanding of Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias, and will help personnel optimize the effectiveness of responding during interventions with persons living with dementia, and their families.

THIS PROGRAM WILL BE OFFERED VIRTUALLY ON TWO DATES:

**Wednesday, January 11, 2023**  
**7:00 - 9:00 AM**  
Presenter: Melissa Grenier, LCSW  
Regional Manager, NH  
Alzheimer's Association  
<https://action.alz.org/MTG/86231133>

**Tuesday, January 24, 2023**  
**6:00 - 8:00 PM**  
Presenter: Jennifer Hoadley, CDP  
Regional Manager, Southeastern MA  
Alzheimer's Association  
<https://action.alz.org/MTG/86231237>

## COVID-19 Response Regional ARR

Over the last year, WRHSAC conducted and completed an after action report on the western Massachusetts regional response to COVID-19. The AAR is complete and WRHSAC welcomes stakeholder review of the [document](#).

WRHSAC will utilize the identified improvement steps to plan public health and emergency preparedness projects over the next several years.

## Emergency Services Card

The Emergency Service Card is designed to assist EMT's, firefighters and Deaf and hard of hearing individuals communicate better in the first moments of an emergency.

The Massachusetts Commission on Deaf and Hard of Hearing, in partnership with the Department of Fire Services (DFS) and Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS), has created a visual tool called the Emergency Services Card (ESC) to assist EMT's, firefighters and Deaf and hard of hearing individuals communicate better in the first moments of an emergency. We are grateful to our Deaf and hard of hearing community members who expressed a need for the ability to communicate better in certain emergency situations and for their feedback during the development process. We are pleased to introduce the new Emergency Services Card.

[Click here to download the card and learn more](#)



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