

Interacting with Drivers Deaf or Hard of Hearing (#7887)



Peace Officers first licensed on or after 03/01/2016, must take Interacting with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Drivers (7887) within 2 years of licensing, if not taken in the BPOC. A peace officer or reserve law enforcement officer who holds a license under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, issued on or before January 1, 2018, shall complete a training program established under Section 1701.268, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, not later than January 1, 2020.

Summary: Law Enforcement Officers are in daily contact with all types of people. Considering that nearly 10% of the US population has some sort hearing loss, it is reasonable to assume that some of those contacts would be with individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, especially with the baby boomers reaching their senior years. According to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), people who are deaf or hard of hearing should be given the same services provided to the other 90% of the population. They may not be excluded or segregated from services.

Topics covered:

- Procedures for Interacting with Drivers who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- Define the terms “Deaf” and “Hard of hearing” as defined by Section 81.001 of the Texas Human Resource Code
- Discuss appropriate techniques utilized to interact with drivers who are deaf or hard of hearing
- Identify practical suggestions for more effectively communicating with drivers who are deaf or hard of hearing
- Discuss the communication impediment program
- Distinguish what situations require an interpreter per student role-play
- Describe how to identify specialty license plates issued to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing in the State of Texas

Who should attend: Peace Officers working toward their intermediate proficiency certificate on or after March 1, 2016, and within 2 years of licensing date for those licensed on or after March 1, 2016.

Course Information:

Hosting Agency: Gonzales Police Department

Training Location: Two Rivers Bible Church 1600 Sarah Dewitt Dr., Gonzales Texas 78629

Date: October 29, 2020, 1:00 pm – 5:00 noon

Length of course: 4 hours (Training hours will be reported Johnson County Sheriff's Office)

Cost: \$30.00

To register, go to <https://texaspolice trainers.com/interacting-with-drivers-deaf-or-hard-of-hearing/> . For additional information or to pay over the phone or by invoice, contact Texas Police Trainers at 512-766-0658.

About the Instructor: Richard Bryan

Thirty years in U.S. Federal and Texas law enforcement profession in various positions • Over eighteen years' experience as a law enforcement instructor • Experience as an adjunct college instructor (classroom and online) • Special Agent/Superintendent (Retired) U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations • Regional Law Enforcement Academy Manager and Grant Projects Director (Retired) • Extensive experience in Federal and State level training curriculum development (classroom and online) • Management level experience in local and federal law enforcement • Experience in project and program management • Experience in technical application of field operations including protective service details, surveillance operations, and investigations. • Strategic, Policy, and Operational Planning experience • Extensive experience in public speaking to various adult and youth audiences • Analytical thinker and driven problem solver

