



Texas Police Trainers LLC

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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: Hondo Police Department

Training Location: South Texas Regional Training Center, 402 Carter, Hondo, TX 78861

Date: February 5, 2025, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Length of course: 4 hours (Training hours will be reported by CLEAT)

Cost: \$50.00 - **If the participant also registers for the morning session, Canine Encounter (#4065), the cost is discounted \$35.00 for the morning and \$35.00 for the afternoon session.**

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.

Hotel: Hondo Inn, 301 US Highway 90 E., Hondo, Texas 78861-6087. **To get our discounted rate, please make your hotel reservation through Texas Police Trainers at 512-766-0659.**

About the Instructor: Richard Bryan

Richard Bryan has been in law enforcement since 1989 and is retired as the manager in charge of the Alamo Area Regional Law Enforcement Academy in San Antonio, Texas. Additionally, he is a retired Federal Special Agent and Supervisor from the United States Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

Richard is a certified Texas Master Peace Officer, certified Advanced Law Enforcement Instructor, certified as a police instructor through the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), a certified firearms instructor for police and security officers, a police driving instructor, and is a certified Special Investigator in the State of Texas. Richard earned a Master’s Degree in Criminal Justice Leadership and Management with a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice – Human Services; with a specialty in Sociology. He is also a Certified Public Manager (CPM).

During his career, Richard has worked as a patrol officer, campus officer, patrol supervisor, training sergeant, police instructor, field training officer, criminal investigator, law enforcement academy supervisor, academy manager, special agent – superintendent, and protective services operative.

Richard has been recognized on various occasions for his work in law enforcement. He received a letter of commendation for his actions in personally disarming a distraught person with a firearm during a domestic disturbance and was presented a recognition award by the City of Balcones Heights, Texas, for his law enforcement professionalism. Additionally, Richard has been awarded the Meritorious Service Award from the United States Air Force, the “Chief’s Award” for his dedication and commitment to law enforcement training from the Trinity University Police Department in San Antonio, Texas, and has been recognized multiple times as an honor graduate from colleges and police academies he has attended

