



## Texas Police Trainers LLC 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:** Texarkana Texas Police Department

**Training Location:** Texarkana Texas Police Training Center, 1420 South Park Rd., Texarkana, Texas 75501

**Date:** May 30, 2026

**Time:** 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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

**Cost:** \$50.00 - **It 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, [click here](#) or go to <https://texaspolice trainers.com/?p=13499> . For additional information or to pay over the phone or by invoice, contact Texas Police Trainers at 512-766-0659.

**Hotel:** Candlewood Suites Texarkana, 2901 S. Cowhorn Creek Loop, Texarkana, TX 75503. **To receive our Corporate Discount, make your reservation through Texas Police Trainers at 512-766-0659.**

**About the Instructor:** Katrina DeGrate

Katrina DeGrate has been a peace officer for seven years with DART Police Department and I have been an instructor since 2022. She has been a certified Drone Pilot and recently became a Motors Police Officer. Katrina currently trains police officers and civilians Crisis Intervention, Mental Health First Aid, Canine Encounter, Interacting w/Drivers Deaf or Hard of Hearing, De-escalation Techniques and Intermediate Child Abuse.

Katrina is currently pursuing her bachelor’s degree at Abilene Christian University in Child and Family Service while minoring in Integrated Studies with a Teaching Certification.

In the past, Katrina held services positions at the Department of State Health Services from 2008 through 2011 and Texas Health and Human Services 2011 through 2016 in social services roles which led her to being a liaison with many agencies assisting families meet social, financial and mental health needs. Her experience with assisting families in many socio-economic facets has led Katrina to assist others with understanding family and individual needs on a different level.

Outside of teaching, Katrina enjoys attending church, reading, doing puzzles, and hiking.

