TEXAS POLICE TRAINERS LLC



COURSE OVERVIEW

Law enforcement officers are in daily contact with all types of people. Considering that nearly 10% of the U.S. population has some form of hearing loss, some contacts will involve individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, especially as baby boomers reach their senior years. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), these individuals must receive the same services provided to others and may not be excluded or segregated from services.

COURSE TOPICS

- Interacting with drivers who are deaf or hard of hearing
- Definitions of "Deaf" and "Hard of hearing" (Texas Human Resources Code §81.001)
- Appropriate techniques for interacting with drivers
- Practical suggestions for effective communication
- Communication Impediment Program
- When interpreters are required; student role-play
- Texas specialty license plates for deaf or hard-of-hearing drivers

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Texas peace officers seeking an Intermediate Proficiency Certificate, including officers first licensed on or after March 1, 2016 who must meet the applicable two-year training requirement.

HOST AGENCY
Central Texas Council of Governments

TRAINING LOCATION
2180 N Main St
Belton, TX 76513

DATE
Thursday, January 21, 2027

TIME
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

COURSE LENGTH
4 hours
Training hours reported by CLEAT.

COST
$50.00 standard registration.

If the participant also registers for Canine Encounter (#4065), the cost is discounted:
$35.00 for the morning session
$35.00 for the afternoon session

REGISTRATION

https://texaspolicetrainers.com/?p=13499

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Holiday Inn Temple-Belton
5247 S. General Bruce Dr
Temple, Texas 76502
https://texaspolicetrainers.com/membership-benefits/book-your-hotel-reservation/

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About the Instructor

Katrina DeGrate

Katrina DeGrate served as a peace officer with the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Police Department for seven years and has been a law enforcement instructor since 2022. In addition to her law enforcement experience, Katrina is a certified drone pilot and a certified Motors Police Officer, further expanding her operational and public safety expertise.

Katrina currently provides training to both law enforcement professionals and civilians in a variety of critical subject areas, including Crisis Intervention, Mental Health First Aid, Canine Encounter, Interacting with Drivers who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, De-escalation Techniques, and Intermediate Child Abuse. Her instructional approach reflects both practical field experience and a strong commitment to helping officers and community members better understand communication, safety, and behavioral response strategies.

Before entering law enforcement, Katrina worked in social services with the Texas Department of State Health Services from 2008 to 2011 and with Texas Health and Human Services from 2011 to 2016. In those roles, she served as a liaison with multiple agencies, helping families navigate social, financial, and mental health challenges. This background gave Katrina a unique perspective on the needs of individuals and families from a wide range of socioeconomic circumstances and continues to influence the compassion and insight she brings to both instruction and public service.

Katrina is currently pursuing her bachelor's degree at Abilene Christian University in Child and Family Services, while also minoring in Integrated Studies with a Teaching Certification. Her educational focus complements her professional work and reinforces her passion for service, advocacy, and education.

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

Instructional Qualifications & Experience

- DART Police Department - seven years as a peace officer
- Law enforcement instructor since 2022; certified drone pilot and Motors Police Officer
- Texas state health and human services experience, 2008-2016
- PERF ICAT Instructor, 2026