Effective Strategies for Law Enforcement When Communicating With People Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

This workshop is an eight hour course designed to provide law enforcement with an understanding of both communication strategies and their legal responsibilities when communicating with people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. The course covers effective communication requirements and strategies for law enforcement for contact, interviews, crimes, arrests, or detention of people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. It also covers Deaf culture and technology used by people with hearing loss for the safety of personnel and the community.

Course topics include:
- The use of sign language interpreters and other accommodations as required for law enforcement
- Effective communication for law enforcement and people with hearing loss
- Handling arrests, interviews, and other interaction with people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- Various sub-groups of people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- Officer and public safety concerns for encounters with people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- Removal of communication barriers to reduce the stress of working with people who are deaf or hard of hearing
- Assistive technology for communication
- The American with Disabilities Act as it applies to law enforcement
- Other legal issues and community awareness

March 26, 2015
Allstate Center
St. Petersburg College
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$49.00

Please Register by March 23, 2015
This course is not Trust Fund Eligible
Fee includes class material

Lead Instructor: Chris Littlewood, M.Ed., St. Petersburg College, Instructional Technology Coordinator, FEMA National Advisory Council Advisor in the area of Disabilities
Chris is an inclusive emergency and disaster planner and trainer who is also a late-deafened/hard of hearing individual and self-advocate for people with hearing loss and all people with access and functional needs. Chris works in numerous roles educating on the needs and rights of all people AND the needs of first responders. He also worked in the Tampa Bay area in civilian law enforcement roles for approximately ten years.

Co-facilitator: Carole Lazorisa, MA, RID: CDI & RSC is a retired college professor, a Master Mentor, a certified ASL instructor, interpreter trainer, author, and workshop facilitator for over 40 years. She has provided emergency, disaster, and law enforcement training in New York City and nationally. Carole holds a BA from Gallaudet University and an MA from New York University.

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** Cancellations must be received 16 calendar days before start of class to avoid charge. **

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