**I AM DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING.**

This card is for law enforcement officers during a traffic stop with a person with hearing loss. This card will help you communicate with me.

**Quick Communication Tips**
- Maintain eye contact with me while speaking.
- Speak slowly & clearly.
- Give me a chance to understand you but I may still not be able to understand even with a hearing aid.
- Repeat, rephrase or write your request.
- Be sure there is light for me to see you (please don’t shine the flashlight in my face because then that means I can’t see you).

If I am going to be arrested or asked to come in for questioning, I may need:
- A licensed sign language interpreter (one can be found via IDHHC’s interpreter directory at [http://wwwqa.illinois.gov/idhhc/licensure/Pages/DirectoryHome.aspx](http://wwwqa.illinois.gov/idhhc/licensure/Pages/DirectoryHome.aspx)).
- A Communication Access Real-time Translation (CART) services (one can be found via IDHHC’s website at [http://wwwqa.illinois.gov/idhhc/community/Pages/CART.aspx](http://wwwqa.illinois.gov/idhhc/community/Pages/CART.aspx)).
- In order to make a phone call, I may need some type of assistive technology- please ask me what I need in order to make a phone call.

In this case, my communication request in how to best communicate with me:

- **INTERPRETER**
- **CAPTIONING**
- **WRITING**
- **LIP-READ**
- **I CANNOT LIP-READ**
- **ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICE**

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