

# 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.  
However, 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 be 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://www.illinois.gov/idhhc/licensure/Pages/DirectoryHome.aspx>.)
- Communication Access Real-time Translation (CART) services (one can be found via IDHHC's website at <http://www.illinois.gov/idhhc/community/Pages/CART.aspx>.)
- In order for me to make a phone call, I may need some type of assistive technology. Please ask me what I need.

In this case, this is my communication request in how we can best communicate:



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# COMMUNICATION SIGNS

Please point at pictures to help me understand the reason for contact.

## INFORMATION NEEDED



## VIOLATIONS



## ASSISTANCE NEEDED

