

## TRANSCRIPT

### Effective Communications with Law Enforcement Officers (Police)

Question 4: Communication Card (Visor Card)

#### **Michael Baer, Emergency and Public Communication Access Program Coordinator**

You mentioned a visor card, something like this. These visor cards were created by our state Commission, RICDHH, to disseminate to police officers and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community. If folks do not already have one, can someone create one on their own which says, "I am Deaf" or "I need an interpreter"? Would that be helpful for a police officer?

#### **Chief Ted Baran, Director of Campus Security at Gallaudet University**

That's a wonderful tool for you, the Deaf Community, and for us too. Each state has their own visor. That's a really good one, I like it. Each state has their own version of that. Yes, if a person does not have one, it could be sent to them. Or they can make one ahead of time so it's ready in the event they are pulled over, instead of having to write it down in the moment. It can be kept in the glove compartment and given to the officer. Any information that you can provide to the officer will help. That will breakdown any misunderstandings and assumptions from happening right away. But that's great. Any tool to assist with communication is great.

