**I am Hard of Hearing**

This card is for Law Enforcement officers to help with communication.

**Quick Communication Tips:**

- Get my attention first.
- Speak clearly and a little more slowly.
- Maintain eye contact with me while speaking.
- I may speak for myself this does not mean I can hear and understand what you say.
- I cannot lip-read everything you say.
- A cochlear implant or hearing aid does not allow me to understand everything.
- Avoid shining a flashlight in my face as this will hamper my ability to communicate.

If I am arrested or asked to come in for questioning, I will need:

- A Rhode Island licensed sign language interpreter
- To make a captioned phone call (CapTel phone, high-speed internet connection, and a computer, and/or my wireless device)
- A Communication Access Real-Time Translation (CART) for captioning conversations
- Other accommodations. Please ask what I need.

To locate an interpreter in Rhode Island

Call 401-222-5300, 8:30am - 4pm, M-F
After Hours: call your local dispatcher

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