

American Sign Language for First Responders

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Who are we and What are we different?

- Deaf
- Hard of Hearing
- Physical meanings – Deaf (unable to hear/ not ALL lip reading) Hard of Hearing (degree of hearing)
- Cultural meanings – Deaf (ASL to communicate/ part of Deaf community) Hard of Hearing (some use ASL/speech & listening method, hearing aids or other devices)

Visual Cues

- Flicker lights on and off
- Wave
- Stomp floor
- Bang door hard
- Basic Communication Skills
- Touching
- Sign Language Interpreter
- Eye Contact with Deaf/HH and face directly
- Glare (sun/window/flashing light)

Basic Communication Skills

- Deaf
- Hard of Hearing
- Paper
- Pen
- Write
- Name

Basic Communication Skills

- Who
- What
- When
- Where
- Responses (Yes / No)
- Zero to Ten
- Evacuate
- Emergency
- You hurt? (Are you hurt?)
- Have allergy (Do you have any allergies?)
- Hurt where? (Where are you hurt?)
- Be still

Basic Communication Skills

- Doctor
- Police
- Firefighter
- Evacuate
- Emergency
- You hurt/pain? (Are you hurt?)
- Have allergy (Do you have any allergies?)
- Hurt where? (Where are you hurt?)
- Be still/ Stay
- Wrong what? (What is wrong?)

Basic Communication Skills

- Fire
- Alarm
- Help
- Stop
- Breathe
- Calm Down
- Dizzy
- Not Understand (Do not understand)
- Not Know (Do not Know)
- Bleeding
- Not move (Do not move)
- Wait

Website

- <http://frdat.niagara.edu/support-resources/tools-and-resources/american-sign-language/>
- <https://www.monroecc.edu/fileadmin/SiteFiles/GeneralContent/depts/hsmi/documents/cdinsert.pdf>
- <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/mcdhh/programs/communicate-train/basic-signs-for-law-enforcement.html>

Questions

- Any questions
- Thank you