

Basic American Sign Language (ASL) for Police Officers



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• At some point in your law enforcement career, you may need to communicate with someone who is deaf or hard of hearing. Having the skills necessary to effectively communicate will break the barrier between the officer and the person in need of assistance.

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Basic American Sign Language (ASL) Phrases for Police Officers

• This module, will present a list of phrases to be used with an individual who is deaf or hard of hearing. These signs are important and will be beneficial when an officer experiences a situation with a deaf or hard of hearing individual. Learning sign language can help reduce fears and create a clear form of communication.

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Basic ASL Phrases for Police Officers

- 1. The Alphabet
- 2. Numbers 1-10
- 3. Yes/No
- 4. Stop/Go
- 5. Wait here
- 6. Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- 7. License

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**Basic ASL Phrases for
Police Officers**

- 8. Expire
- 9. Ticket
- 10. Speeding
- 11. Arrest
- 12. Jail
- 13. Police
- 14. Do you need help?

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**Basic ASL Phrases for
Police Officers**

- 15. What is your name?
- 16. Address
- 17. Birthday
- 18. What is wrong?
- 19. What happened?
- 20. Do you need to call someone?

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**Basic ASL Phrases for
Police Officers**

- 21. Family
- 22. Friend
- 23. Drugs
- 24. Smoking marijuana
- 25. Smell marijuana
- 26. Have you been drinking alcohol?

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**Basic ASL Phrases for
Police Officers**

- 27. Warning
- 28. Show your hands
- 29. Stop sign
- 30. Seat belt
- 31. Follow me
- 32. I don't know
- 33. I don't understand

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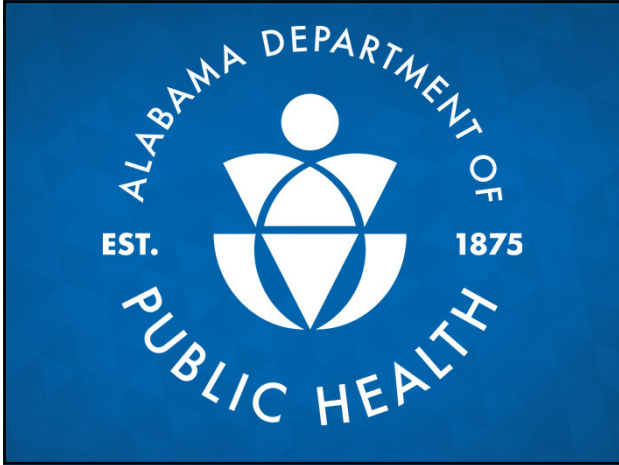
- 34. Law
- 35. Do you have a firearm or weapon?
- 36. Calm down
- 37. Interpreter
- 38. Again/Repeat
- 39. Do you need paper or pencil?
- 40. Do you need a tow truck?

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**Basic ASL Phrases for
Police Officers**

- 41. Thank you
- 42. I'm sorry
- 43. Who?
- 44. What?
- 45. When?
- 46. Where?
- 47. Why?

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