



# Basic Signs for Law Enforcement

## Sample Vocabulary/Phrases:

- ✓ **Are you hurt?**
- ✓ **Do you have friends or family to notify?**
- ✓ **I want a lawyer.**
- ✓ **Please step out of the car.**
- ✓ **Show your hands.**

***IMPORTANT TO NOTE:** This seminar is not meant to replace or substitute for the presences of a qualified American Sign Language Interpreter. We are simply providing a training opportunity that may improve the short-term communication during emergency situations.*

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## Why...

Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center (Department of Distance Learning) has developed new training program to support first responders in the area with basic American Sign Language signs called "Signing in the Workplace". The intent of this training program is to serve as a resource for Police Officers, State Troopers, and other potential first responders who may need to communicate with Deaf (ASL user) before the arrival of a qualified sign language interpreter. Even under the best circumstances, a considerable amount of time passes before a qualified interpreter arrives. Knowing basic, common vocabulary may help to bridge the gap and allow first responders the ability to communicate and understand those who are Deaf or use ASL to communicate.

## How...

Initial trainings are conducted face to face. MVESC professionals work specifically with the organization to accommodate the needs of the workplace (on-site, off-site, full-day, and half-day seminars available. However, the follow-up is what is what is critical for participants. As educators, we know how important practice is to remember the things that we learn. MVESC will provide follow-up anytime (asynchronous) access to the information presented during the seminar that can be used for review. In addition, YouTube playlists will allow the individual mobile access to information at the scene.

## When...

Seminars available beginning November 1, 2017. Contact Leslie Charles to set up your preferred seminar time/date.