



R.A.I.L. - Regional ASL Interpreters in Law Enforcement Southern California Conference

When: October 24th, 2012, 1300 to 1600 hours

Where: Huntington Beach Police Department, Training Room A

2000 Main Street, HB CA 92648

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RAIL would like to invite all who are working in the law enforcement environment (sworn & non-sworn) as an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter or wishes to become one to the First Southern California RAIL Conference. This event will be hosted By HBPD at no cost to the participants. This event will have information of interest for everyone that has contact with the deaf or hard of hearing (HH) community. The goals of this conference are thus:

- Have at least one representative from each law enforcement agency in the Los Angeles and Orange County region attend this conference.
- Improve each agency's ability to provide the highest level of service to the deaf and the HH community including new communication technologies such as video chatting and text based 911 calls.
- Compare and discuss agency policies regarding the deaf and HH community.
- Create a regional call-out list of law enforcement interpreters.
- Discuss the requirements and best path to become certified as an ASL interpreter.
- Schedule monthly "Coffee Nights" to help maintain our skills and increase the unity of law enforcement interpreters.

Our special guest will be Janine Madera from the Orange County District Attorney's Office. Janine is a deaf attorney in the gang unit. She will provide us with insight from a DA's perspective as to the capabilities and limitations of law enforcement interpreters.

For more details or to RSVP, contact:

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