

POLICE DEPARTMENT HANOVER PARK, ILLINOIS



DIRECTIVE: 521-S

REFERENCE STANDARDS:

SUBJECT: Hearing Impaired

PURPOSE: To set forth procedures when dealing with hearing impaired persons, including those who are in custodial interrogations, to ensure the individual's rights.

I. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. Department members will make every effort to communicate with hearing-impaired persons, i.e., complainants, victims and witnesses, in need of assistance or information. This will include utilizing written communication and attempting to locate someone capable of communicating via sign language. Family members and friends should not be used if the communication is in regards to a criminal matter.
- B. The Department will maintain a TDD machine in the Records Control Room.
- C. Hearing impaired persons will be informed that any time an authorized sign language interpreter is used, the service is provided without charge.

II. INTERROGATIONS

- A. If a hearing-impaired person is arrested and a qualified sign language interpreter is not immediately available, and communication is otherwise inadequate, interrogation will be deferred pending the arrival of an interpreter.
- B. When conducting a custodial interrogation of a hearing impaired person, the interrogator will:
 - 1. Ensure that a qualified sign language interpreter is used to communicate the required Miranda Warnings in the type of sign language in which the hearing impaired person is competent: i.e., American Sign Language or Signed English.
 - 2. Any Miranda Warnings given will include the phrase "Anything you say or write, may be used against you..."