

## **DHHS Training Becomes Part of Required Curriculum at ILEA**

For the past three years, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (DHHS) has partnered with the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) to deliver quarterly, two-hour elective sessions for cadets. These trainings have centered on Deaf culture and basic American Sign Language, giving future officers the opportunity to strengthen communication skills and deepen their understanding of best practices when interacting with Deaf and Hard of Hearing community members.

Beginning in January 2026, this training will officially become a required component of the ILEA curriculum for all cadets. DHHS is honored to support this important advancement in accessibility, cultural awareness, and effective communication within Indiana's law enforcement agencies.