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***Driver has special communication needs***

***See the back of this card for the best  
ways to communicate with the driver.***

# **Driver is Hard of Hearing**

***Failure to cooperate with verbal commands means I am NOT hearing you***

Fold along this line

**Officer**, I am Hard of Hearing. This means that I communicate using what hearing I have and may supplement it with hearing aids, with various assistive devices and by speechreading (lipreading). None of these work perfectly, so if I still miss key words or instructions, please write them on a piece of paper for me. I speak normally (I may use sign language to communicate, please call: 239-461-0334 ext. 7 for a Sign Language Interpreter).

**Here's some specific ways you can effectively communicate with me:**

- » Try to eliminate background noise, or wait for a pause in the traffic.
- » Do not cover your mouth with your hands or papers.
- » If you have a mustache, beard or accent, I can't understand you, let me try to hear/speechread your partner instead. Some people are much easier for me to speechread/hear/understand than others.
- » Speak slowly and clearly. Speak up, but don't shout. If I need you to talk louder, I'll say so.
- » Do not shine your flashlight in my eyes. I need to see YOUR face to "hear" you.
- » Get close. This helps me both hear and speechread you better.
- » If all else fails, write down instructions.

Look directly at me when you speak to me.

Be sure there is enough light for me to see your face clearly. If not, move under a streetlight or into a lighted area.