Driver is Hard of Hearing

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

Driver has special communication needs
See the back of this card for the best ways to communicate with the driver.

I am Hard of Hearing

I have special communication needs
See the back of this card for the best ways to communicate with me.

Visor Card compliments of the Center for Hearing Loss Help
http://hearinglosshelp.com
Officer, I am hard of hearing. This means that I speak normally. I do NOT use sign language. 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.

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

» Try to eliminate background noise, or wait for a pause in the traffic.
» Look directly at me when you speak to me. Do not cover your mouth with your hands or papers.
» If you have a mustache, beard or accent, and/or 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.
» Be sure there is enough light for me to see your face clearly. If not, move under a streetlight or into a lighted area.
» Don’t 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 key words.