**The Bureau of Preparedness and Response, the Alachua County Emergency Management and the Florida Division of Emergency Management in Collaboration with Public and Private Partners**

**Presents:**

***Effective Strategies for Communicating With People Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and   
Others with Access and Functional Needs***

**Wednesday, October 28, 2015  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (ET)**

**Location:**

**Alachua County Emergency Operations Center  
1100 S.E. 27th Street**

**Gainesville, Florida 32641  
  
Instructors**

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**Who should attend?**

**Emergency managers, law enforcement personnel, fire and emergency medical services personnel, public health and other health care workers, public information officers, emergency planners and other emergency management personnel  
  
By attending this training, you will learn….**

* **The importance of effective communication prior to, during and after emergencies**
* **The various sub-groups, including the communication needs of people who are deaf or hard of hearing**
* **How to avoid legal and safety missteps with people who are deaf or hard of hearing**
* **How to deal with stress from communication barriers when assisting people who are deaf or hard of hearing**
* **What ways you can provide effective communication to people who are deaf or hard of hearing in emergencies or disasters**

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