

BIO
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Born in Houston, Texas

Joined the Houston Police Department in 1985

Experience: Patrol Division for 20 years, Field Trainer and Evaluator for Training Probation Police Officers. Academy Instructor for Introducing Deaf Culture to newly hired cadets to promote law enforcement understanding of Deafness. Received many department commendations for exceptional community service.

Current Assignment: Citywide Positive Interaction Program (PIP) Coordinator. The "PIP" program is a community relations program, that brings the citizens of Houston together at each police station, to educate and inform communities of police service and activates.

Deaf Community Experience: Officer James Sobota has provided equal opportunity with the "PIP" program to the deaf community and has researched and introduced the Video Remote Interpreting "VRI" to the Houston Police Department.

Topic Presentation

"Retail Loss Prevention Members Working Together with Community and Law Enforcement to Reduce Retail Crime".

HPD partners with retail members to strengthen relationships between community, business and law enforcement. This innovative partnership has focused on a goal of making Houston a safer place to live, shop and serve. As a result, local businesses and citizens of Houston are armed with information to make educated, safe decisions when conducting business. This partnership has been a total success for everyone involved and was won an international award at the 2013 International Association of Chiefs of Police conference in Philadelphia.