

## **Applicants Wanted for Instructor Certification Course in Emergency Preparedness**

February 7-9, 2006 in Fairfax, VA

CEPIN Project has limited seating for charter group of community educators

The Community Emergency Preparedness Information Network (CEPIN) Project is soliciting resumes and applications from interested parties with experience in deafness and emergency preparedness to become certified instructors. Instructors will be trained and certified to teach a course designed by CEPIN in their own communities.

The course, "Working Together: Identifying Community Emergency Preparedness Resources for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People," is designed to train people with hearing loss and first responders on how to work together in times of emergencies. If selected, each applicant will be invited to participate in a three-day training and certification program in Northern Virginia on February 7-9 2006.

### **Apply today, as seating is limited.**

Participation in this instructor development course is entirely voluntary and at your own expense. We will send approved applicants more information about the location and hotel arrangements upon confirmation of participation.

Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, late-deafened or deaf-blind are encouraged to apply. First responders with experience in working with the deaf, hard of hearing, late-deafened and deaf-blind communities are also encouraged to submit resumes. Resumes should be submitted by January 10, 2006 to CEPIN Project National Coordinator Jim House at [jimhouse@tdi-online.org](mailto:jimhouse@tdi-online.org).

### **About CEPIN**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security awarded TDI nearly \$1.5 million for the two-year CEPIN Project, which focuses on developing model community education programs for deaf and hard of hearing consumers about emergency preparedness.

More information is at [www.cepintdi.org](http://www.cepintdi.org).

### **About TDI**

Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc. (TDI) is a non-profit advocacy organization that promotes equal access to telecommunications, media and information technology for individuals who are deaf, late deafened, hard-of-hearing and deaf-blind. Since 1968, TDI has successfully advocated for a variety of federal legislation to improve the lives of people with hearing loss, including the Hearing Aid Compatibility Act of 1988, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Television Decoder Circuitry Act, both of 1990, and the Telecommunications Act of 1996. In addition, TDI advocates for administrative rules and policies that would provide greater access to wireless technology, as well as complete and high quality captioning of television programs. Since its inception, TDI has promoted equal access to 9-1-1 centers and other public safety answering points, and is now working to ensure full access for deaf and hard of hearing people to information during natural or manmade disasters and other types of emergencies. TDI annually publishes a National Directory & Resource Guide, commonly known as The Blue Book, which is a popular resource book for people with hearing loss, as well as the GA-SK Quarterly News Magazine. For more information about TDI, visit [www.tdi-online.org](http://www.tdi-online.org).