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Massachusetts Latino Police Officers Association

Latino Law Enforcement group shows its support and encourages Latinos to take upcoming police exam

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**Boston, Massachusetts-** The Massachusetts Latino Police Officers Association (MLPO) is showing their support and is encouraging all Latinos, both men and women, within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts who are over the age of 21, capable of passing an extensive background check, and also those who may hold a college degree to take the upcoming police exam scheduled for Saturday April 25, 2015. "We are asking women and men of Latino descent to take this opportunity if they are interested in the field of law enforcement" - states Mr. Jacobo Negron, President and Founder of the Massachusetts Latino Police Officers Association. "We encourage all those to take the exam that is being offered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and get a better sense of what the process is like in order to be eligible as a police officer".

The Mission of the Massachusetts Latino Police Officers Association is to create a professional association that provides support, advocacy, individual and professional development to its members; to improve and increase diversity in Law Enforcement, and to bridge the gap between the community and the police. "We would like to provide our next generation of Latino police officers with the mentoring and support they need as well as to increase the number of Latino applicants in civil service exams" states Mr. Negron.

"There is an increasing need for diversity in the law enforcement field, as well as a need to provide Police Chiefs with a larger pool of Latino candidates and it is incumbent upon organizations such as ours to take a proactive approach in the recruitment of qualified Latino candidates." Preliminary findings in the last civil service exam (2013) showed a low number of applicants that were identified as Latino or listed their Language fluency as Spanish. "The Latino population in Massachusetts is continuously growing, and it is important for police departments to provide their respective communities with police officers that are representative of their communities in order to better serve their communities "states Mr. Negron.

The MLPO is asking that all Latinos who are planning to take this exam to contact them at [info@masslatinopolice.org](mailto:info@masslatinopolice.org). "We would like to know how many are taking this exam so that we can plan ahead and attain the necessary resources such as exam prep courses for the police exam that are offered by police instructors throughout the commonwealth". Interested candidates can obtain additional information on the MLPO website at [www.masslatinopolice.org](http://www.masslatinopolice.org).

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