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Statewide Latino Law Enforcement group encourages Latinos to take upcoming police exam

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**Boston, Massachusetts-** The Massachusetts Latino Police Officers Association (MLPO) 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/trooper exam scheduled for Saturday April 20, 2013. This is an opportunity for those who are interested in the field of law enforcement 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 pursue a profession in law enforcement.

The Mission of the Massachusetts Latino Police Officers Association is to create a professional association that provides support, advocacy, and professional development to its members. "One of the objectives of this organization is to provide our next generation of Latino officers with mentoring and support." "Another objective as well is to increase the number of Latino applicants in civil service exams" states Mr. Jacobo Negron, President and Founder of the Massachusetts Latino Police Officers Association (MLPO).

"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." "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 to better serve their communities and provide culturally competent resources to both the community and police department" 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, how many passed the exam, and how many were provided with a job opportunity so that we can address any issues or concerns with the Human Resources Division of the Commonwealth". Interested candidates can obtain additional information on the MLPO website at [www.masslatinopolice.org](http://www.masslatinopolice.org).

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