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LATINO LAW ENFORCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM NAMED IN HONOR OF FALLEN BOSTON POLICE OFFICER JOSE A. MACEIRA

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Cambridge, Massachusetts- The Massachusetts Latino Police Officers Association (MLPO) announced today the naming of its college/police academy scholarship program in honor of fallen Boston Police Officer Jose A. Maceira who died in the line of duty 40 years ago. He was the first Hispanic Police Officer killed in the line of duty in Boston and in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Jose A. Maceira Scholarship Program will help foster the next generation of Latino police officers. The Jose A. Maceira Scholarship Program was formed with the purpose of assisting an aspiring Latino or Latina in achieving their goals of attending an Accredited 2 or 4-year institution of higher education or to attend either the Massachusetts State Police Special Officer Academy (SSPO) or a Massachusetts Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) approved Reserve/Intermittent Police Academy or Full-Time Officers Academy as a self-sponsored recruit officer.

Officer Jose A. Maceira was appointed to the Boston Police Department in February of 1974. In November of that same year, Officer Maceira was dispatched to a call for a suspicious person and located two men involved in drug use. Officer Maceira was shot during this incident. His condition was grave, but he recovered, with significant life-long damage.

In 1977, two and a half years after being shot in the line of duty, he succumbed to the injury. Born in Puerto Rico, he served honorably in the United States Navy and was a Vietnam Veteran, being discharged in 1967.

“We are inspired that 40 years after his passing, Officer Jose A. Maceira’s legacy continues on with this scholarship program. Officer Maceira would be so proud that his service and ultimate sacrifice will be carried on by the next generation of police officers he was protecting and serving” states Jacobo Negron, President and Founder of the Massachusetts Latino Police Officers Association.

The Jose A. Maceira Scholarship Program will be funded primarily through private donations provided by many of the organization’s supporters. Scholarship Applications will be accepted after November 1, 2016 and additional information will be posted on our website.

The Massachusetts Latino Police Officers Association is 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. To know more about the MLPO, please go to our website at www.masslatinopolice.org.

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