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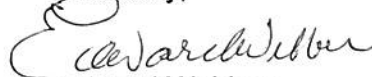
February 27, 2014

Gail M. Lolis
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Hauppauge, NY 11788

Dear Ms. Lolis:

In accordance with paragraph V(f) of our Agreement with the United States Justice Department I directed the Commanding Officer of the Community Response Bureau to explain how our Language Access Plan will be disseminated and what measures will be put into place to seek and evaluate feedback on that plan. Detective Lieutenant Donohue's comprehensive description is attached.

Sincerely,


Edward Webber
Police Commissioner



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POLICE DEPARTMENT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK

INTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Edward Webber
Commissioner of Police
FROM: Robert Donohue, D. Lt
Commanding Officer, Community Response Bureau
Office of Chief of Department
DATE: 2/26/2014
COPY TO: As Required
SUBJECT: PLAN FOR DISSEMINATION AND REVIEW OF THE LANGUAGE ACCES PLAN

The Community Response Bureau will ensure implementation of the following measures in order to achieve the widest possible relevant dissemination of the LAP:

The LAP will be made available in print at all Precincts, Headquarters and all other Department buildings with public access. The LAP will also be made available at libraries and other public facilities throughout the County.

The LAP will be delivered to community groups that either advocate for those with Limited English Proficiency (LEP), or are active within LEP communities, such as Adelante of Suffolk County, Pronto of Long Island, the Long Island Latino Teacher's Association, the "One More For Jesus" Christian Center Church and Make the Road New York.

Rev. Thomas W. Goodhue and other clergy members from The Long Island Council of Churches will be provided the LAP for dissemination to their respective congregants.

Community Liaison Officers (CLO) will conduct presentations in each Precinct, explaining the LAP and outlining Department policies regarding the provision of language assistance services. These presentations will be made to neighborhood watch groups, civic groups and community based organizations such as those listed above.

The LAP will be posted on the Department's website in both English and Spanish. Social media such as Nixle and Facebook will be utilized to direct users to the full LAP and will also be used to highlight developments and enhancements to the LAP.

Spanish newspapers, specifically Noticia and La Tribuna, Long Island Talk Radio and La Nueva Fiesta 98.6/96.9 FM, will be given the LAP for incorporation into public service announcements (PSA's).

To ensure that adequate, relevant and continued feedback on the efficacy of the LAP is received, the Community Response Bureau will implement the following measures:

Precinct CLOs will report all feedback received from community meetings regarding the LAP on a monthly basis.

Responses to social media postings regarding the LAP shall be evaluated on an ongoing basis and if relevant, included in the annual review.

A special committee comprised of Latino community leaders will be convened for the purpose of assisting the Department in evaluating the LAP. This committee will meet quarterly and discuss issues relevant to the provision of police service to the Latino Community. As of this writing, the following have expressed their desire to sit on this committee:

Dafny Irizarry, President of the Long Island Latino Teacher's Association
Kelly Ann McLoughlin Fisher, Executive Director of Pronto of L.I.
Miriam Garcia, Executive Director of Adelante of Suffolk County
Karina Claudio Betancourt, Director of Make the Road New York
Amol Sinha, Director of the New York Civil Liberties Union
Rachel Lugo, Regional Director of the Suffolk County EAC
Mary Ann Slutsky, of the Long Island Wins Advocacy Group.

As required by our Agreement with the Justice Department, the Community Response Bureau will evaluate all feedback and determine whether any changes should be made to the LAP. While the Agreement requires annual review, our Bureau will actually review feedback as it is received and make changes as soon as they are needed.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Donohue, D. Lt
Office of Chief of Dept.
Commanding Officer Community Response Bureau