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## **Legislator Monica R. Martinez to host a Suffolk County Police Exam Test Prep Forum**

Suffolk County Legislator Monica R. Martinez would like to inform residents of the upcoming Suffolk County Police Test and Test Prep forum. The exam is scheduled for June 13, 2015. The deadline to apply for the exam is April 1, 2015. You may find applications at [www.joinscpd.com](http://www.joinscpd.com). The application fee for the exam is \$100.00.

Statistics indicate that minorities are less likely to become police officers in Suffolk County. According to the Suffolk County Police Department, minorities currently make up 11.4% of the current force consisting of 7.7% Hispanics, 2.5% Blacks and 1.1% Asian/Pacific Islanders. Legislator Martinez urges women and individuals from minority background to take advantage of this opportunity.

“I believe government entities, particularly those who are in direct contact with the public, should reflect the diversity that exists in the communities they serve. I encourage our young men and women to become more involved in their respective neighborhoods,” stated Legislator Martinez.

Interested candidates must be between the ages of 19 and 34 on the day of the exam unless they have a period of active military duty. A college degree is not required, although successful candidates must have received a high school or general equivalency diploma recognized by the New York Department of Education, by the time of appointment.

In addition, a valid New York State motor vehicle operator license and proof of U.S. Citizenship is mandatory at the time of appointment. Candidates, who successfully pass the exam and are selected, will be required to complete a comprehensive medical and psychological evaluation, physical fitness screening test, and a polygraph test.

Legislator Martinez in collaboration with the SCPD are personally facilitating two seminars, at no cost, in an effort to provide applicants with real life testimonials and study guides in preparation for the June 15<sup>th</sup> test. These seminars will take place on Saturday, April 4th and Thursday, April 30th.

Representatives from the SCPD and Suffolk County Department of Civil Service are also conducting free seminars throughout the County. For specific locations, dates and times, visit [www.joinscpd.com](http://www.joinscpd.com). For more information please contact our office at 631-853-3700.