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Mr. Paul J. Chapa
National President
Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association
P.O. Box 29626
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Dear Mr. Chapa:

As you may be aware, Congress enacted the Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Act of 2008, which honors exceptional acts of bravery performed in the line of duty by federal, state, and local law enforcement officers. Two award tracks have been created: one for federal law enforcement officers and the other for state and local officers. Each track is overseen by a board that reviews recommendations for the Congressional Badge of Bravery (CBOB). The CBOB is presented by each recipient's congressional representative.

I am writing to request your assistance in notifying the members of the Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association that the CBOB Office will open the online application system at 8:00 a.m. (ET) on December 14, 2012. Please also share that to be considered for the 2012 CBOB, a law enforcement officer must be nominated by his or her agency head for eligible actions that occurred between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2012. All applications must be submitted via the online system prior to the close of the submission period on February 15, 2013, at 11:59 p.m. (ET).

I encourage your member agencies to consider the many worthy acts regularly performed by your sworn law enforcement personnel and to submit application(s) for this award. For additional information on the program or to submit an application, go to the CBOB web site: www.bja.gov/CBOB. Specific questions may also be directed to Mr. Gregory Joy, BJA Policy Advisor/CBOB Program Administrator, by telephone at 202-514-1369 or by e-mail at Gregory.Joy@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

Denise E. O'Donnell
Director