

## **Bridging Language Barriers: Future Needs of Florida's Law Enforcement Officers**

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The focus of this study is to identify language barriers in Florida's law enforcement community and future needs to overcome this issue. Many other states have experienced language barriers that Florida is recently beginning to experience. Nationally, population growth is tremendous with sharp increases in Hispanic populations; the Hispanic minority population in Florida far exceeds the rate of the national level. Information was gathered from articles and the internet along with a survey of current sworn and non-sworn personnel. In an attempt to predict the future growth trends of the State, what can be done to ensure that Florida's law enforcement officers are prepared to meet the needs of the growing minority population?