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## Senator Croci Hosted 1st Annual “Law Enforcement Appreciation Ceremony”

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Patchogue, NY – Senator Thomas Croci (R, C, I – Sayville) hosted the first annual “Law Enforcement Appreciation Ceremony” for the third Senatorial District on Thursday, May 12, 2016 with a roof-top event at the YMCA in Patchogue.

“I am honored to have the privilege to give recognition for individuals who risk their own well-being on a daily basis to make our communities safer and more enjoyable. These are individuals who do not ask for recognition, but are some of our greatest heroes because they do their public service as law enforcement officers for selfless and honorable reasons. We on Long Island are very grateful for all of our law enforcement officers and tonight we say an extra special ‘thank you’ to these honorees,” stated Senator Croci.

Senator Croci hosted the event to honor several outstanding individuals for their dedication to their communities through their exceptional law enforcement services and to kick off National Police Week, which runs May 15 - 21. Honorees were nominated by their law enforcement agency and the honorees for the evening included:

Paul Bodnarchuk, NYPD Highway Patrol, Assistant Director of Code Enforcement, Village of Bellport

Donald Mullins, Director of Code Enforcement, Village of Bellport

Darien Riley, Public Safety, Town of Brookhaven

Tracy Giannotti, Park Ranger, Town of Islip

Jason Green, NYS Fire Marshall & Harbor Police, Town of Islip

Gerard McCarthy, Suffolk County Police Department & Inspector, Village of Mastic Beach

Edward Fitzgerald, Park Ranger, Suffolk County Park Rangers & Suffolk County Police

Department

Brian Laskowski, Park Ranger, Suffolk County Park Rangers

Daniel Rudek, Park Ranger, Suffolk County Park Rangers

Kevin Fallon, Deputy Chief, Suffolk County Police Department

Joel Reines, Police Officer, Suffolk County Police Department

Mitch Savino, Police Officer, Suffolk County Police Department

David Juan, Probation Officer, Suffolk County Probation Department

Islip Town Supervisor Angie Carpenter and Mastic Beach Village Mayor Maura Sperry were also in attendance to pay tribute to the honorees. Musical performances were provided by local pianist Maurice Kemp and a reading of the poem "What is a Law Enforcement Officer" was provided by author and poet Deborah Lasassier.

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