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KENNEDY JOINS FIREFIGHTERS IN FIGHTING AGAINST CANCER



(Deputy Inspector Joseph Capolino, Comptroller John Kennedy, Legislator Leslie Kennedy, Ronald Barz, Supervisor Angie Carpenter, Ed Wehrheim, Smithtown Clerk Vincent Pulio, Legislator Tom Cilmi, FCSN New York State Director Tony Cruz)

May 1, 2017 – On Monday Fire Departments across Long Island joined together for the annual Firefighter Cancer Support Golf Outing. Leslie Kennedy (R-Nesconset) had the pleasure in taking part in a lunch with other dignitaries, hosted by the Hauppauge Fire Department in connection with the golf outing.

Firefighters Cancer Support Network works to support families of Firefighters who have been diagnosed with cancer. The Support Network helps to educate families on the risk of cancer, provide a support network for

cancer patients, and promote frequent screening and early detection. Firefighters face a higher risk of cancer than the general population, and early detection is crucial to making a full recovery.

“We ought to be particularly thankful for the firefighters we have here in Suffolk County; these men and women risk their lives and open themselves up to increased risk voluntarily. They take all these risks just to keep us safe,” said Legislator Leslie Kennedy. “We must remember that our firefighters are voluntary positions; they deserve all the support we can give them, whether they are facing life threatening illness or not.”

Legislator Tom Cilmi joined Legislator Kennedy in saying “We know that the risks associated with the heroic work of those in the fire service extend well past the immediacy of a fire. We also know that firefighters accept those risks, as do their families, and far too often pay a heavy price for their unselfish service. So I am proud to stand with colleagues from government and leaders from the fire service as we raise money for cancer victims and their families. They are always there for us. It is only right that we’re there for them.”

For more information about this event or other events in the community, please call our office at (631)-854-3735 or log onto Legislator Kennedy’s Facebook page at facebook.com/legislatorlesliekennedy.

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Suffolk County Legislator Leslie Kennedy represents the 12th Legislative District, encompassing Smithtown, Nesconset, Hauppauge, the Village of the Branch, Lake Grove, parts of Commack, Ronkonkoma, Lake Ronkonkoma and Centereach. Legislator Kennedy was born and raised on Long Island, is a former nurse and small business manager, and has dedicated her life towards the betterment of our community. She currently serves on the following Committees: Budget and Finance, Education and Human Services, Government Operations, Personnel, and Information Technology, Health, Parks & Recreation, Public Safety, and Veterans