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LEGISLATOR MCCAFFREY SUPPORTS SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE OFFICERS AT 51ST ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY



*Legislator Kevin J. McCaffrey with Sargent Jennifer Blaskiewicz,
winner of the Exceptional Meritorious Award*

Brentwood, NY: On Wednesday, May 11, Legislator Kevin J. McCaffrey attended the Suffolk County Police Department's 51st Annual Awards Ceremony to show his support for the men and women in the department who went above the normal performance of duty to serve their communities.

Also in attendance were fellow Suffolk County Legislators, the Suffolk County Police Department's leadership and the award recipients and their families.

"It is important that we support the police officers who exceed their call of duty to keep our communities safe," said McCaffrey. "I was particularly proud of the officers in the First Precinct who received awards for serving residents through sacrifice and acts of courage."

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Among the awards given at the ceremony was Cop of the Year. Cop of the Year is an award given to officers in each precinct who consistently performed their duties with excellence throughout the year. Special consideration for this award was given to certain achievements, including an outstanding arrest, a lifesaving incident and overall performance in community oriented activity.

The Cop of the Year awards for the First Precinct was given to two recipients, Police Officer James O'Hagan and Police Officer James Spoerel for their outstanding service and performance in their communities.

"Police Officers O'Hagan and Spoerel are exemplary of the kind of people that make the Suffolk County Police Department the esteemed organization that it is," said McCaffrey. "We in the First Precinct are fortunate to have these officers protecting our neighborhoods."

This ceremony marked the 51st of its kind in the Suffolk County Police Department. Department members that performed an act of outstanding police duty received awards at the recommendation of the Awards Committee as established by the Police Commissioner.

Legislator McCaffrey represents Suffolk County's 14th Legislative District which encompasses the Village of Lindenhurst, Babylon Village, the hamlets of West Babylon and North Lindenhurst, portions of Copiague, North Babylon and Babylon's barrier beach communities.

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