

# SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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## ***MEDIA RELEASE***

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James Feeley and his wife Joan accept a proclamation from Legislator Spencer

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## ***Centerport Firefighter Honored for 50+ Years of Service***

**Hauppauge, NY** - At the February 9<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Suffolk County Legislature, James Feeley was presented with a proclamation from Legislator William R. Spencer, M.D. in recognition of his more than 50 years of valuable volunteer service to the Centerport Fire Department.

"James Feeley is an outstanding example of a true public servant. It is a privilege to be able to recognize and thank him for his inspiring service to our community." said Legislator William R. Spencer, M.D.

Since 1965, Mr. Feeley has been a dedicated member of the Department, bravely working to make Centerport a safer place to live. During his tenure, he has served the local community in various capacities. From 1984-1985 Mr. Feeley was Chief of the Department, where he was influential in creating the Centerport Fire Department Dive Team. After finishing his term, he diligently climbed the officer ranks again to become Chief for the second time between 2000 and 2001. For 28 years, he has volunteered as an EMT on the rescue squad.

In the past, Mr. Feeley was a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners and the president of the Town of Huntington Fire Chiefs Council. Most recently, he has served as the Suffolk County Deputy Fire Coordinator for Water Rescue since 2002.

Throughout his career, he has been honored multiple times receiving awards for his outstanding fire and rescue response. In 2015, Mr. Feeley was named Firefighter/EMT of the Year in the 18<sup>th</sup> Legislative District.

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