

## COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

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# Legislator Browning Honors Officer Philip Schoppmann for Outstanding Suicide Prevention Programs During World Suicide Prevention Month



Pictured left to right: Legislator Kate Browning, Officer Philip Schoppmann, T.U.L.I.P. instructor Linda Sherlock-Rich and Deputy Inspector Michael Romagneli.

**Hauppauge, NY** – At the Suffolk County Legislature’s September 9, 2015 general meeting, Legislator Kate Browning (WF-Shirley) honored Officer Philip Schoppmann during World Suicide Prevention Month for his tremendous contributions to Suicide Prevention in Suffolk County.

Officer Schoppmann created and coordinated a team of trainers known as the T.U.L.I.P.S., which stands for “Trainers United on Long Island for the Prevention of Suicide”. The team has certified approximately six-hundred and fifty members of the community with skills in suicide prevention or intervention skills.

With funding from the Mental Health Association of New York State, Officer Schoppmann created a tool utilized to develop a safety plan when working with suicidal individuals. He also helped to create and coordinate the peer support team for the Suffolk County Police Benevolent Association known as Providing Enforcers Education and Resources (P.E.E.R). For his efforts Officer Schoppman is being honored by the Suicide Prevention Center of New York State as a recipient of the “Excellence in Suicide Prevention Award”.

“Suffolk County respects and admires Officer Philip Schoppmann’s dedication, which exemplifies the very best of Suffolk County’s law enforcement,” stated Legislator Browning. “By recognizing suicide as a serious health concern and establishing prevention as a top priority, Officer Schoppmann has touched the lives of thousands of Suffolk County residents. We have all been affected by suicide, whether it be a family member, friend or colleague, and it’s because of Officer Schoppmann’s efforts that those impacted get the help they need.”

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