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SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE ADOPTS 2010 BUDGET:

**BEEDENBENDER VOTES TO FREEZE SUFFOLK GENERAL FUND PROPERTY TAXES
AND ADD MORE POLICE TO PATROL OUR NEIGHBORHOODS**

Hauppauge, NY- On Wednesday, November 4th, the Suffolk County Legislature adopted the 2010 operating budget for Suffolk County government. Legislator Brian Beedenbender (Centereach) voted to freeze Suffolk General Fund Property Taxes and to add 200 more police, 80 new corrections officers, and 11 new deputy sheriffs to the county workforce in 2010. Overall Police District spending was kept under control within the voter approved tax cap parameters.

Another highlight of the 2010 operating budget is the continuance of funding for the Veterans/Active Duty Families/Gold Star Families Assistance program at \$25,000. Legislator Beedenbender founded the county program in 2008. Veterans, Gold Star Families, and families of active duty military servicepersons can learn more about receiving aid from the program by contacting the Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency at 631-853-8387.

"I am pleased this budget freezes General Fund Property Taxes and controls Police District spending, while at the same time adds new police officers to patrol our neighborhoods. This budget not only protects taxpayers wallets, it protects their neighborhoods too," said Legislator Beedenbender.