



# NEWS BULLETIN

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### For Your Information from...**SUFFOLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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#### **COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**

The Suffolk County Sheriff's Office offers a variety of programs to schools and community groups designed to further their mission to enhance public safety, educate constituents and our youth, and promote community-based relationships between law enforcement and the general public. Many of these programs are made possible through grants from state and federal sources, or funded through crime-related asset forfeiture. Here's information on two such programs:

#### **The Test Don't Guess Program**

**Home Drug Test kits** have been purchased by the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office and are made available to residents in Suffolk County. The program aims to offer free drug test kits that can be used in privacy to assist parents and guardians with monitoring the behavior of their children who are less than 18 years of age.

The test kits give parents a tool to engage in the critical conversations about drug use; and offers a method for parents who suspect their child may be using illegal substances to be reassured of their judgment and seek professional help if needed.

Program Contact: (631) **852-3763**

#### **The Stopped Program**

The Suffolk County Sheriff's Office offers this voluntary notification system to parents who have a young driver less than 21 years of age. Under the program, a decal is affixed to the car of the young driver, and if stopped by Sheriff's Deputies, a notification card will be sent to parents by mail or email to let them know what occurred.

Program Contact: (631) **852-2277**.

To view their complete list of programs, log onto the Sheriff's web page: [www.suffolkcountyny.gov/sheriff](http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/sheriff).