

SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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### **LEGISLATOR STEVE STERN AND THE VETERANS & SENIORS COMMITTEE WELCOME “PROJECT HOPE”**

*Organization provides free counseling and assistance to Veterans Impacted by Super Storm Sandy*



Pictured L-R: Tom Ronayne, Director Suffolk County Veterans Services Agency, Erick Dreher, Project HOPE, Maureen Montrose, Project HOPE, Legislator Steve Stern

**HUNTINGTON, NY** –Suffolk County Legislator Steve Stern (D-Huntington) 16<sup>th</sup> LD, Chairman of the Veterans and Seniors Committee, welcomed Maureen Montrose and Erick Dreyer, Crisis Counselors with Project HOPE to the Veterans and Seniors Committee. Project HOPE provides free support services by trained crisis counselors for those suffering in the aftermath of Super Storm Sandy. Counselors provide confidential services to individuals, families, community groups and are available to travel to those seeking assistance. Referrals to assistance programs and resources are provided. Project HOPE, which is affiliated with Suffolk County United

Veterans, Clubhouse of Long Island and the Community Development Corporation, has dedicated services for veterans, many of whom are affected by Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). “I encourage veterans and other members of our community to take advantage of the services offered by Project HOPE,” Legislator Stern said. For more information, please call (631) 471-7242 x 1010.