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LEGISLATOR STEVE STERN DONATES CARS TO DIX HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Surplus Vehicles used for "Jaws of Life" and Fire Suppression Training



Pictured-l-r: Bob Comisso, Chairman of The Board of Fire Commissioners, Firefighter Tom Nostramo, Legislator Steve Stern, Robert Fling, Chief of Department, Firefighter Nick Damico, Todd Cohen, Commissioner
(Photo by Steve Silverman)

HUNTINGTON, NY – Legislator Steve Stern (D-Huntington, 16th L.D.) recently arranged a donation of three surplus Suffolk County vehicles to the Dix Hills Fire Department for training purposes.

These vehicles are no longer road worthy and provide an opportunity for the department to train firefighters on extrications, using the Jaws of Life and for fighting vehicle fires. The Dix Hills Fire Department is one of the largest volunteer departments in New York, covering nearly 25 square miles, and serves a population of over 27,000 people. The department's approximately 175 volunteer members accomplish these goals through dedicated response and constant training. The department typically responds to more than 800 fire and 1,500 medical emergencies each year.

“We would like to thank Legislator Stern for the donation of these vehicles,” said Chief of Department Robert Fling. “Vehicles provide our members with critical life-saving training and are increasingly difficult to acquire.”

“I am proud to donate these vehicles to the Dix Hills Fire Department, one of the most highly awarded departments on Long Island,” Legislator Stern said. “These dedicated volunteers, who risk their lives to protect our lives and our property, deserve all the assistance we can provide to help them fulfill their mission.”