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Legislator Fleming Honors Southampton Town Police Officers

Legislator Fleming presented three Southampton Town Police Officers proclamations for their heroism.



Picture (L-R) Robert Pearce, Chief, Police Officers Erik Breitwieser, Kristian LoRusso, Keith Phillips, Legislator Fleming, and PBA President Kevin Gwinn

On Tuesday, April 12 Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming honored three Southampton Town Police Officers at the Legislature's General Meeting. At the meeting, Legislator Fleming presented each officer with a Proclamation for their bravery, courage, and altruistic actions, which all resulted in a life being saved. Police Officer Erik Breitwieser, Kristian LoRusso, and Keith Phillips were the three recipients of the day's honor. Officer Breitwieser was honored for saving a person trapped in a burning car. Officer LoRusso was honored for reviving an unresponsive 1 year-old infant, and Police Officer Phillips was honored for reviving a male overdosed on heroin. The officers were

joined by Chief of Department Robert Pearce and Southampton PBA President Kevin Gwinn.

During the presentations Legislator Fleming spoke of how proud she was of the three officers. She also reminded the other 17 members of the Legislature how important it was for the officers of the east end to be recognized for a job well done.

“I am proud to have an opportunity to bring attention to the courageous and professional work of these three officers, and to give them the recognition they deserve,” said Legislator Fleming. We are fortunate on the East End to be served by outstanding local police departments.”

Chief Pearce praised the officers for their efforts. He also thanked the Suffolk County Legislature for recognizing the officers for their outstanding work.

“I am extremely proud of Officers Breitweiser, Lorusso and Phillips for their life saving efforts and as officers who representative the Southampton Town Police Department and I offer my thanks to the County Legislature for recognizing their actions today with the presentations of these Proclamations,” said Robert Pearce, Chief of Southampton Town Police.

Southampton PBA President Kevin Gwinn also thanked the Legislature for honoring the officers. He also commented the officers on a job well done.

“On Behalf of the Southampton Town Patrolman's Benevolent Association, I would like to thank Legislator Bridget Fleming, as well as the entire Suffolk County Legislature for recognizing the efforts of the Southampton Town Police Department. The effort of these three Officers is a testament to the high caliber of policing here in Southampton Town and on the East End of Long Island. The Southampton Town PBA is proud to represent the finest of Police Officers and Investigators that patrol the East End". Kevin Gwinn - President PBA