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Serve your Community! Answer the Call and Train to Assist the Police

(HUNTINGTON STATION, NY... August 3, 2015) – Want to help your neighbors and your community? Suffolk Legislator Lou D'Amaro (D-Huntington Station) would like to inform residents about two Suffolk County Police Department programs: The Auxiliary Police Officer training program and the Civilian Police Academy, both open to adult Suffolk County residents.

The **Suffolk County Auxiliary Police Officer** training program is available to residents of Suffolk County at least 21 years of age. The Auxiliary Police are volunteers who provide support to the Suffolk County Police Department and serve as the “eyes and ears” of the department while patrolling. Candidates must dedicate 10 hours of service each month. 120 hours of training will be provided free of charge. Applications are available by visiting: www.suffolkauxiliarypolice.com or calling (631) 852-6355.

Not interested in becoming an auxiliary police officer but still want to assist your community? Sign up to attend the Suffolk County Police Department's **Civilian Police Academy**. The Civilian Police Academy is an award-winning educational program designed to expose community members to police policies and procedures. The goal of this

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course is to improve communication between the police and the public. This course consists of 16 sessions, one session per week, between 6:30 and 9:30 pm, at the SCPD police academy on the campus of Suffolk Community College in Brentwood. For additional information, call (631) 853-7055 or email: Kathy.McGowan@suffolkcountyny.gov and put “Civilian Police Academy” in the subject line.

“These comprehensive programs train civilians to serve important functions within the community and help keep us safe,” said Legislator D’Amaro. “If you would like to assist your neighbors and the police department, this is an ideal way to get involved.”

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Suffolk County Legislator Lou D’Amaro represents the 17th Legislative District, which includes parts of Huntington, Huntington Station, South Huntington, Melville, West Hills, Cold Spring Hills, Dix Hills, Deer Park, North Babylon and West Babylon. He is chairman of the Budget & Finance committee and a member of the Education & Information Technology and Human Services committees of the Suffolk County Legislature.