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## SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATOR MCCAFFREY ATTENDS “JAWS OF LIFE” TOURNAMENT



*Pictured Left: Legislator McCaffrey chats with competitors prior to the tournament. Pictured Right: A team tears into a vehicle.*

West Babylon, NY: Suffolk County Legislator Kevin McCaffrey (R-Lindenhurst) recently had the opportunity to stop by a “Jaws of Life” rescue tournament, hosted by the West Babylon Fire Department. The event involved volunteer fire department rescue units from the Town of Babylon, and was widely attended by both competitors and spectators.

“Jaws of Life” competitions are a common activity in the fire services, as they foster teamwork and comradery, and more importantly, keep the skills of the rescuers finely honed. Despite the enormous strength of the miraculous tools used to spread apart and cut through vehicles, much knowledge, talent, and brawn is requisite of those using them.

“I was astounded by the teamwork and dedication that was demonstrated here today,” said McCaffrey. “After observing the various approaches that each team applied to the task at hand, it is apparent that this activity requires just as much art as it does science. This is dangerous and difficult work to be sure, and I am glad to know that these men and women are always ready to save lives.”

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Suffolk County has the good fortune of attracting many selfless individual to the volunteer fire and emergency medical services. However, finding new recruits is always on the agenda of departments both in and around the Town of Babylon. Therefore, those interested in volunteering are strongly encouraged to do some research on both the responsibilities and benefits of being an emergency worker at: <http://www.suffolksbravest.com/>.

*Legislator McCaffrey represents Suffolk County's 14th Legislative District which encompasses the Village of Lindenhurst, Babylon Village, the hamlets of West Babylon and North Lindenhurst, portions of Copiague, North Babylon, and Babylon's barrier beach communities.*