

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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Dear Superintendent:

This past February, following the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School, Suffolk County Legislator Sarah Anker drafted legislation which was unanimously passed to examine the efficiency and cost of implementing a school emergency notification system. As a result of this study, the Suffolk County Police Department enacted the School Active Violence Emergency (SAVE) Hotline. The SAVE hotline is open to all public/private schools, daycare facilities, and colleges within the police district.

The SAVE Hotline is a rapid, reliable, inexpensive system that is simple to utilize. Using a dedicated phone line placed in one or several locations throughout a building, the system automatically bypasses normal communication channels and immediately dials the Suffolk County Police 911 center supervisor. The supervisor views an instant display of the exact incident location and can provide immediate verbal communication to the caller. Additionally, the caller will be kept on the line to provide additional details as events unfold.

SAVE, which has the unanimous support of the Executive Board of the Suffolk County School Superintendent's Association, will provide law enforcement with the information they need to effectively respond in the event of an emergency. When dealing with a crisis situation, time is of the essence and the SAVE Hotline can make all the difference.

We have attached a detailed outline of the SAVE Hotline, including the appropriate paper work to implement the hotline in your school districts. We look forward to working with you to implement this potential lifesaving program.

Sincerely,

Steven Bellone
County Executive

Edward Webber
Police Commissioner

Sarah Anker
Suffolk County Legislator