LETTER FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Dear Suffolk County Residents:

Suffolk County continues to be one of the safest suburban communities in the country. We are very proud that we continue to maintain this reputation year after year.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the men and women in the Suffolk County Police Department, we have continued to experience one of the lowest crime rates in the nation. Smart management techniques and innovative programs, such as those used and created by Commissioner Dormer, will continue to be the cornerstone of this administration, and we look forward to continuing to provide our residents with the exceptional levels of police service they expect and deserve.

Sincerely,

Steve Levy
Suffolk County Executive

SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Edward P. Romaine
1st District

Kate M. Browning
3rd District

Vivian Viloria-Fisher
5th District

Jack Eddington
7th District

Ricardo Montano
9th District

Thomas F. Barraga
11th District

Lynne C. Nowick
13th District

Elie Mystal
15th District

Louis D’Amaro
17th District

Jay Schneiderman
2nd District

Joseph T. Caracappa
4th District

Daniel P. Losquadro
6th District (Minority Leader)

William J. Lindsay
8th District (Presiding Officer)

Cameron Alden
10th District

John M. Kennedy Jr.
12th District

Wayne R. Horsley
14th District

Steven H. Stern
16th District

Jon Cooper
18th District (Majority Leader)
The year 2006 marked another successful year for the Suffolk County Police Department. The unique and innovative programs implemented by the department have continued to improve the quality of life on Long Island and make our county one of the safest nationwide. As this report clearly demonstrates, we have recruited the best and the brightest to ensure our department remains one of the finest. We are continuing our efforts to enlist more minority police officer candidates to reflect the diversity that exists throughout Long Island. Over the last three years we have continued to reduce crime, providing a safer environment for people who work and live in Suffolk County. Our use of task forces to target specific crimes or crime “hotspots” has yielded promising results and puts us at the cutting edge of modern law enforcement.

In addition to fighting crime, the department continues to forge close bonds with the public by offering community outreach services such as the Child Safety Seat Program and the Teen Driving Course. To further enhance the services we provide to the public, the Risk Management Bureau was created. This command, which is operated out of my office, reviews procedures and policies that will improve services for the public. Our communication with the public is vital to the success of the department.

The efforts of this department give shape and form to the goals and issues of the community and our elected officials. The 2006 Annual Report is a chronicle of the pride and professionalism of a police department that is in touch with the community we serve. We embrace our responsibility to provide and maintain public safety. We salute all the men and women of the department for their skill, sensitivity, and dedication.

Richard Dormer
Police Commissioner
SCPD MISSION STATEMENT

“Our mission is to serve and protect all the citizens, while enforcing the law with impartiality, respect and compassion.” - Richard Dormer, Police Commissioner

The mission of the Suffolk County Police Department is to provide and maintain a safe environment in which people can live and work. Every member of the service acknowledges his or her obligation to provide professional services by rendering aid to those in need, providing an environment free of fear, bringing to justice those who violate the law and protecting all persons and property in accordance with legal, moral and ethical standards.
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**ORGANIZATION**

**Office of the Police Commissioner** - The Police Commissioner has jurisdiction and control over government, administration, disposition and discipline of the Police Department and its members. The Police Commissioner ensures that the services provided to the community by the department meet the highest standards of excellence. The Police Commissioner has oversight responsibility of the Organized Crime Bureau.

Police Commissioner - Commissioner Richard Dormer holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the New York Institute of Technology, and has attended the FBI National Academy and the Kennedy School of Government. His first assignment as a Suffolk County Police Officer in 1963 was in the Fourth Precinct in Smithtown. He moved up the ranks, commanding a wide spectrum of commands in the three divisions. He retired in 1993 at the rank of Chief. He managed a private security company and taught police-related subjects at a local college until January 2004, when he was nominated by the County Executive and confirmed by the Legislature as the eleventh Police Commissioner of the Suffolk County Police Department.

**The Office of the Deputy Police Commissioner** - The Deputy Commissioner acts for and assists the Commissioner. In this capacity, the Deputy Police Commissioner acts as liaison officer for the Police Commissioner in matters relating to the public and criminal justice system, and meets with individuals, groups, associations, organizations and commissions on behalf of the Police Commissioner. The Deputy Police Commissioner has oversight responsibility of the Medical Evaluation Bureau, Internal Affairs Bureau, the Pistol Licensing Bureau and Risk Management Bureau.

Deputy Police Commissioner - Deputy Commissioner Roger Shannon holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the New York Institute of Technology and joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1964. During his career he has been the Commanding Officer of the Pistol Licensing Bureau, Community Services Bureau and the Internal Affairs Section. He retired in 1993 at the rank of Assistant Chief. In January 2004, he was appointed to the position of Deputy Police Commissioner of the Suffolk County Police Department.
**Organized Crime Bureau** - This bureau is responsible for the administration and supervision of the District Attorney Section and Criminal Intelligence Section. The Organized Crime Bureau is also responsible for all proactive investigations of alleged terrorist-related activities.

**Medical Evaluation Bureau** - This command is responsible for the processing of all claims related to injured employees and will assist injured employees in obtaining care and benefits, coordinate the efforts of other involved agencies and arrange for the medical review of injured employees to determine their progress and capability for assignment. The Medical Evaluation Bureau oversees the duties and responsibilities of the Police Surgeon and maintains liaison with the Police Commissioner regarding employees absent from duty due to job related injuries. In addition, this bureau must implement programs and systems that are mandated by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

**Risk Management Bureau** - This command is responsible for review of procedures, policies, and processes of this department and other organizations, both public and private, with the goal of enhancing department services provided to the public. Responsible for other duties as assigned by the Police Commissioner, Deputy Police Commissioner or Chief of Department.

**Internal Affairs Bureau** - This command investigates allegations of misconduct against members of the department, conducts internal investigations as directed by the Police Commissioner and performs ongoing inspections of department personnel and equipment. The bureau is also mandated to identify and seek correction of unclear or inappropriate agency procedures and organizational conditions that may contribute to misconduct or inefficiency. The Field Auditing Section conducts inspections and audits of department members to ensure compliance with state and local laws and the department’s Rules and Procedures as they relate to line of duty injury leave and sick leave.

Inspector, Commanding Officer, Internal Affairs Bureau – **Inspector David Ferrara** is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, and attended New York University, SUNY Stony Brook, and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1981. He served as a patrol officer in the Fifth Precinct and Highway Patrol Bureau, as a sergeant in the Sixth Precinct. Upon promotion to lieutenant, he served in the Marine Bureau and as an investigator with the Internal Affairs Bureau. Upon promotion to Captain, he became the Executive Officer of the Highway Patrol Bureau. He has been the Commanding Officer of the Internal Affairs Bureau since 2007.

**Pistol Licensing Bureau** – This command is responsible for the investigation and licensing of pistol permit applicants, pistol manufacturers, pistol dealers and gunsmiths. The Pistol Licensing Bureau maintains the pistol records of members of the service. The bureau also reports to the New York State Police any changes in the status (i.e., sale, acquisition, destruction, transfer) of handguns of licensees.
The Office of the Chief of Department - The Chief of Department exercises line and staff command of all personnel and operations of the Police Department. The Chief's office is responsible for command and control authority, and performs management services required to ensure the department serves Suffolk County in an efficient and effective manner. The Office of the Chief of Department keeps the Police Commissioner informed of all important matters and of any action taken regarding said matters. The Office of the Chief of Department also acts as liaison to state and local probation and parole agencies and to federal, state and local adult and juvenile correctional agencies.

Chief of Department - Chief Robert Anthony Moore holds a Master of Business Administration degree and is a graduate of the FBI Academy as well as the Police Command College. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1975 and has been the Commanding Officer of the Police Academy Bureau, Systems and Procedures Section, Community Policing Services Bureau, and the North Shore Satellite Station. He has been a professor of business management at Suffolk Community College and a professor of policy and management at the New School for Social Research Graduate School of Urban Policy.

Planning and Operations Bureau - This bureau is responsible for directing the activities of the Research and Development Section, Applicant Investigation Section and the Information Technologies Section. The bureau gives direction toward addressing a particular problem or project by utilizing the resources within one of the department’s three major divisions, through the Research and Development Section, or through a form of coordination between these entities. The bureau performs the function of coordinating the independent efforts of each division so that the results of such efforts conform to the broader needs of the department.

Recruitment & Community Outreach Bureau - This bureau is a staff unit responsible for the administration of the Recruitment Section, which recruits qualified candidates for the position of police officer; the P.A.L. Section, which supervises the activities of the Suffolk County Police Athletic League; the Crime Stoppers Section; the Public Information Section, which disseminates information and acts as liaison to the public and the news media; the Employee Assistance Section, which provides counseling, information and referral assistance to members of the department; and the Chaplains Section, which maintains liaison with the department’s chaplains. The bureau is also responsible for monitoring the accreditation status of the department. It acts as liaison between the department and community groups and/or leaders and implements and coordinates projects pertaining to community issues.
Office of Homeland Security and Anti-Terrorism - This office coordinates all counter-terrorism and homeland security initiatives within the department and provides direct command and supervision for the Emergency Management Section. Its personnel work closely with commands in each division to ensure that the department’s comprehensive terrorism strategy is implemented, concentrating on prevention, detection and deterrence of terrorist acts through intelligence gathering and dissemination. The office acts as the primary homeland security liaison with all government agencies including the Suffolk County Department of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services; Suffolk County Department of Health; United States Department of Homeland Security; New York State Office of Homeland Security; as well as all state, county and local law enforcement agencies.

Deputy Chief, Commanding Officer, Office of Homeland Security and Anti-Terrorism - Deputy Chief Mark White holds a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Long Island University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1981. He has been the Commanding Officer of the Fifth Precinct, Narcotics and Organized Crime Bureau, and the In-Service Training Section of the Police Academy.

A number of aggressive homeland security drills are held throughout the year to prepare and improve critical responses to emergency situations.

Left: A terrorist drill aboard a ferry

Right: SCPD Crisis Action Team Training
The Office of the Chief of Patrol - The Patrol Division is headed by the Chief of Patrol, who is responsible for all patrol and related services in the Suffolk County Police District. It is the function of the Patrol Division to enforce all applicable state and local laws, prevent crime, deter criminal activity, apprehend offenders, aid in the recovery and return of stolen property, identify and report hazardous conditions, preserve the public peace and reduce fear in the community. The division provides services vital to public safety including emergency services, traffic control, accident investigation and assistance to other state and local agencies. Patrol responsibilities are distributed to seven geographic areas called precincts.

Chief of Patrol - Chief Robert Ponzo holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the New York Institute of Technology and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1978. He has been the Commanding Officer of Fifth Precinct Crime Section and the Sixth Precinct.

Assistant Chief of Patrol - Assistant Chief Nicholas Mango holds a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1973. He has been the Commanding Officer of the Juvenile and Missing Persons Section, Narcotics Enforcement Team, Marine Bureau, Sixth Precinct and Internal Affairs.

Deputy Chief, Office of the Patrol - Deputy Chief Peter Quinn holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1970. He has been the Commanding Officer of the Fifth Precinct.

The Patrol Division is comprised of seven precincts which divide the police district into geographic areas and the following special units:

- Airport Operations Section
- Aviation Section
- Crime Scene Section
- District Commander
- Emergency Service Section
- Highway Enforcement Section
- Marine Bureau
- Motor Carrier Safety Section
- Motorcycle Section
- Safe-T Section
- Warrant Enforcement Section

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The First Precinct Bureau - Renders patrol and other police service to the political subdivisions of the Town of Babylon, including the incorporated villages of Lindenhurst and Babylon.

Inspector, Commanding Officer First Precinct - Inspector Robert Cassagne holds a Master of Professional Studies degree from Long Island University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1981. He has been the Commanding Officer of the First Precinct since October 2005.

The Second Precinct Bureau - Renders patrol and other police service to the political subdivisions of the Town of Huntington.

Inspector, Commanding Officer Second Precinct - Inspector Joseph Blaettler holds a Master of Science degree from Long Island University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1977. He has been the Commanding Officer of the Second Precinct since February 2005.

The Third Precinct Bureau - Renders patrol and other police service to the political subdivisions of the western portions of the Town of Islip, including the incorporated village of Brightwaters.

Inspector, Commanding Officer Third Precinct - Inspector Patrick Cuff holds a Master of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from John Jay College of Criminal Justice and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1983. He has been the Commanding Officer of the Third Precinct since February 2005.
The Fourth Precinct Bureau - Renders patrol and other police service to the political subdivisions of the Town of Smithtown and the incorporated Village of the Branch, Islandia and Lake Grove. Included in this precinct area are certain border areas of the Towns of Huntington, Islip and Brookhaven.

Inspector, Commanding Officer Fourth Precinct - Inspector James Rhoads holds a Master of Professional Studies degree in Criminal Justice Leadership from St. John’s University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1972. He has been Commanding Officer of the Fourth Precinct since February 2005.

The Fifth Precinct Bureau - Renders patrol and other police service to the political subdivisions of the southern portions of the Town of Brookhaven and the eastern portions of the Town of Islip and the incorporated villages of Patchogue and Bellport.

Inspector, Commanding Officer Fifth Precinct - Inspector Salvatore Manno holds a Juris Doctor degree from St. John’s University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1972. He has been the Commanding Officer of the Fifth Precinct since May 2007.

The Sixth Precinct Bureau - Renders patrol and other police service to the political subdivisions of the northern portions of the Town of Brookhaven and the incorporated villages of Old Field, Poquott, Belle Terre, Shoreham and Port Jefferson.

Inspector, Commanding Officer Sixth Precinct - Inspector Frank Stallone holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Long Island University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1972. He has been the Commanding Officer of the Sixth Precinct since August 2006.
The Seventh Precinct Bureau - Renders patrol and other police service to the political subdivisions of the eastern portions of the Town of Brookhaven.

Inspector, Commanding Officer Seventh Precinct - Inspector John Meehan holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1973. He has been the Commanding Officer of the Seventh Precinct since August 2003.

Special Patrol Bureau - This bureau consists of the Canine Section, Aviation Section, Emergency Service Section, Crime Scene Section and Airport Operations Section. Members of this bureau support patrol operations with specialized functions such as evidence recovery, special tactics, canine and aviation support, and airport policing.

Highway Patrol Bureau - This bureau promotes highway safety through the enforcement of Vehicle and Traffic law by patrolling the Long Island Expressway and Sunrise Highway. Members are trained in truck safety inspections, motorcycle patrol, drug recognition evaluations, administration of Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) tests and enforcement of DWI laws.

Marine Bureau - This bureau provides patrol service over the district’s waterways and to the communities on the barrier beach of Fire Island. A team of trained divers conduct underwater search and recovery operations as necessary.

Domestic Violence & Elder Abuse Bureau - This bureau investigates various types of vulnerable adult abuse complaints, which may involve physical, psychological or financial abuse. This bureau also coordinates activities related to domestic violence and vulnerable adult abuse and provides assistance and referrals to victims. In addition, the bureau is responsible for acting as the point of reference for members of the Department as well as for public and private organizations for inquiries regarding domestic violence.
DETECTIVE DIVISION

The Office of the Chief of Detectives - The Detective Division is headed by the Chief of Detectives. The Detective Division is responsible for the investigation of all felonies and major crimes such as murder, kidnapping, robbery, rape, burglary and serious assaults. The Detective Division also investigates missing persons, child abuse, child sexual assault, juvenile related matters, computer crimes, identity theft, hate crimes, narcotics crimes, arson and vehicle theft.

The Detective Division cooperates with other county, city, state, and federal agencies in investigating incidents and gathering criminal intelligence matters.

Chief of Detectives - Chief Dominick Varrone holds a Master of Professional Studies degree in Criminal Justice Leadership from St. John's University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1972. He has been the Assistant Chief of Patrol, Chief of Support Services and the Commanding Officer of the Second Precinct, Precinct Detective Bureau, District Attorney Section, Community Response Unit, Kidnap Investigation Team, Hostage Negotiations Team and First Squad.

Deputy Chief of Detectives - Deputy Chief Donna Engel holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Dowling College and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. She joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1982. She has been the Commanding Officer of the Precinct Detective Bureau, Police Academy, the Fifth Precinct and Deputy Chief of Patrol.

The Detective Division is comprised of three major bureaus (Precinct Detective Bureau, Special Services Bureau, Major Crimes Bureau) which include the following functional subdivisions:

- Polygraph
- Computer Crimes
- Special Victims
- Narcotics
- Identification
- Identity Theft
- Arson
- Customs Task Force
- Fugitive/Missing Persons
- Homicide
- Vehicle Theft
- Asset Forfeiture

Additionally, there is the Major Case Investigations Unit, Electronic Investigations Unit and Hate Crimes Unit, which report directly to the Office of the Chief of Detectives.
**Precinct Detective Bureau** - This bureau provides investigative services within designated geographic areas and assist in property recovery. Each of the seven Precinct Detective Bureau Squads also contains a Neighborhood Enforcement/Special Operations Team (NE/SOT). The NE/SOT teams investigate, structure, and combat street drug sales and possessions. Members of this bureau also perform the necessary processing of a perpetrator under the age of 16.

**The Special Services Bureau** - This bureau is responsible for the administration and supervision of investigative supporting functions such as polygraph, fingerprint/identification, fugitives and missing persons, computer crimes and identity theft. These services are provided to the other detective bureaus in support of the investigation of crime and the detection and arrest of perpetrators.

**Major Crimes Bureau** - This bureau is responsible for the administration and supervision of the investigation of major felonies among which are homicide, arson, narcotics, vehicle theft and sex crimes. This bureau is also responsible for the immediate notification to the Chief of Detectives of the occurrence of a murder, suspected murder, non-negligent manslaughter, assault where death is likely to result, all major disasters, and any injury to a member of the division. Homicide investigation support is provided by this bureau to law enforcement agencies in other local municipalities.
The Office of the Chief of Support Services – The Support Services Division is headed by the Chief of Support Services who has command over all personnel and activities of the Staff Services Bureau, Administrative Services Bureau, Communications and Records Bureau, Police Academy Bureau and Human Resources Bureau.

Chief of Support Services – Chief Edward Webber holds a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration and Criminal Justice as well as a Master of Business Administration degree and is a licensed Certified Public Accountant. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1972. He has been Commanding Officer of the Central Records Section, Arson Section, Personnel and Accounting Bureau, and Chief of Patrol.

Deputy Chief of Support Services - Deputy Chief Dennis Caine holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Long Island University and has taught Criminal Justice at Suffolk Community College. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy as well as the Senior Management Institute for Police. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1971. He has been the Deputy Chief of Detectives and the Commanding Officer of the Fifth Squad, Neighborhood Enforcement Team, and Identification Section.

Staff Services Bureau – This bureau is responsible for ensuring that all departmental equipment and property receive the required preventive maintenance and are maintained in a state of operational readiness. This bureau is also responsible for the inventory, storage and disposition of recovered property.

Communications and Records Bureau – This bureau is responsible for the administration and supervision of the Communications Section, Central Records Section and Technical Services Section.

Administrative Services Bureau – This bureau is responsible for the administration and supervision of the Budget Section and Finance Section.

Police Academy Bureau – This bureau conducts the instruction and training for all members of the department. It is also responsible for coordinating and making appropriate notifications and invitations to departmental functions including funerals, memorial services, awards ceremonies, promotions, graduations and swearing-in of new police recruits.

Human Resources Bureau – Members of this bureau are responsible for maintaining the employee records and auditing the payroll for all department personnel.
MILITARY AND VETERANS RECOGNITIONS

The Suffolk County Police Department acknowledges the sacrifices, dedication and courage of our members who have been called into active military service during 2006. We celebrate the safe return of those members who have completed their tours of duty and our thoughts and prayers are with our members and their families who are still deployed. Their service to our country is greatly admired and appreciated.

SWORN MEMBERS

Robert Bowen
Stephen Clark
Henry Coleman
Donald Conste

Scott Devine
Jeffrey Mott
Steven O’Brock
Nicky Ray Peppe

Jay Veronko

CIVILIAN MEMBERS

William Ryan
Suffolk County Police Marine Bureau hosted a Marine Terrorist Drill along the north and south shores of Long Island. Suffolk County Police along with Nassau and New York City Police and several ferry companies took part in this training exercise. The drill included taking to the water and fixed ferry stationary exercises that encompassed delivery and deployment of officers from Emergency Services and Raid Team.

Above: Suffolk County Police prepare to enter a ferry during a training exercise

Suffolk County Police purchased a hydraulic shear gun shredder with asset forfeiture funds. It is anticipated that the department will save more than $14,000 per year on the cost of hauling the guns to a steel foundry in Pennsylvania where they were melted down twice a year. The shredder rips the guns into pieces so they cannot be put back together. The metal from the destroyed guns is then recycled, generating additional revenue for the county.

Right: Commissioner Dormer demonstrates new gun shredder

In April 2006, detectives from the Computer Crimes Section arrested four men for soliciting children on the Internet to engage in sex. The suspects, independent of each other, actively and aggressively initiated and pursued on-line chats with undercover detectives posing as children. The television show America's Most Wanted was on hand to film the arrests which were later aired on the program.

Left: Sgt. John Cowie and host of America's Most Wanted, John Walsh
The Suffolk County Police Department received brighter tomorrow backpacks from Verizon during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The TelecomPioneers presented 85 backpacks to Deputy Chief of Detectives Donna Engel and Sgt. Nancie Byrne, commanding officer of Suffolk County’s Domestic Violence and Abuse Bureau. The backpacks filled with coloring books, crayons, toys, handheld video games and story books will help children pass the time at local police stations.

Police Commissioner Dormer presented certificates of appreciation to police civilian communications staff on April 12, 2006 in honor of National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

The Suffolk County Police Department teamed up with the March of Dimes for a Plane Pull to raise money for vital cutting-edge research. The March of Dimes helps solve the problems of prematurely, birth defects and low birthweight. Several teams of 20 people competed in pulling an approximately 174,000-pound 727 aircraft 12 feet. One of those teams, Strong Cops Save Lives, consisted of off-duty Suffolk County Police officers from all commands.
The Suffolk County Police Department expects a high level of professional conduct from all employees. Members of the department frequently respond to situations that far exceed the highest level of standards set forth by this department. Each year, the department recognizes those who have gone above and beyond the call of duty, bringing honor to themselves and this department.

COP OF THE YEAR

The *Cop of the Year* plaque and breast bar may be awarded to a *Cop of the Month* recipient for an outstanding arrest, lifesaving incident, or for ongoing, dedicated police and community service work. The following police officers received the *Cop of the Year* award in 2006:

**First Precinct**
- James O’Hagan, P.O. #5427
- Matthew Wargas, P.O. #5672

**Second Precinct**
- Thomas Collins, P.O. #5597
- Patrick O’Neill, P.O. #4848

**Third Precinct**
- Kit Gabrielsen, P.O. #1370
- James Cullen, P.O. #5116

**Fourth Precinct**
- Keith Sinclair, P.O. #1375

**Fifth Precinct**
- Nicholas Vezzi, P.O. #5460

**Sixth Precinct**
- Scott Dugan, P.O. #5500

**Seventh Precinct**
- Clifford Lent, P.O. #5626

**Highway Patrol Bureau**
- Christopher Albano, P.O. #5314
- Richard Pfeiffer, P.O. #3288

**Special Patrol Bureau**
- Robert Fanwick, P.O. #3390

**Marine Bureau**
- Peter Bogachunas, P.O. #4552
- Robert Femia, P.O. #3391

DETECTIVE OF THE YEAR

The *Detective of the Year* is selected by a committee. Nominations are based upon a heroic act; an investigation developed or successfully concluded by unusual persistence, effort or innovation; the development or implementation of an innovative idea or program; or overall excellence and performance to duty. The 2006 *Detective of the Year* plaque and breast bar was awarded to:

Steven Gargan, Detective #0155
Thomas Reilly, Detective #1058
Brendan O’Hara, Detective #1269
THEODORE ROOSEVELT POLICE AWARD

Since 1995, the Theodore Roosevelt Association has honored a Suffolk County police officer who has overcome a serious injury, disease or disability and has returned to work performing valuable and excellent police service. On June 12, 2006, this award was presented to Detective Margaret Tatarian, a twenty-two year veteran of the department.

Detective Tatarian joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1981 as a Community Service Aide and was assigned to the First Precinct as a computer operator. Four years later she became a sworn member of the department and entered the Suffolk County Police Academy. Upon graduation from the academy in 1985, she was assigned to the Third Precinct and then to Crime Control. She served temporarily in the Narcotics Enforcement Unit and then the Applicant Investigation Section. From 1991 to 1996, she was assigned to the Juvenile/Missing Persons Section. It was during this time that she received the designation of detective. She later served in the Fugitive/Missing Persons Section, the Criminal Intelligence Section and the Special Victims Section.

In 1994, Detective Tatarian was diagnosed with skin cancer, which required two surgeries. Four years later she underwent additional surgeries to remove a pre-cancerous mass. Unfortunately, the cancer returned and in 1999 she had a hysterectomy. In 2000 Tatarian endured surgeries to remove new benign tumors, and then in 2002 and 2005 she underwent additional surgeries to remove more pre-cancerous masses from her body. Shortly thereafter, Detective Tatarian learned she had benign nodules on her thyroid and a benign mass on her parathyroid, requiring more surgeries. During the operation to remove the thyroid, parathyroid and two lymph nodes, Tatarian’s trachea was nicked. Four days later, she suffered a mini-stroke and had to be hospitalized for several days.

Despite the toll her health problems have taken on her physical well-being, Detective Tatarian did not allow her medical problems to affect her high level performance and her can-do attitude. Her supervisors say she always maintained a positive presence and upbeat attitude at work. She has been a great asset to the command and her peers.

Detective Tatarian is married to Suffolk County Police Officer Thomas Tatarian. Together they have a son, Thomas. Detective Tatarian retired from the Department on January 2, 2007, after 22 years of service.
TIMOTHY J. HENCK PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD
The Timothy J. Henck Public Service Award is awarded by the Police Commissioner to a member of the service who has made a significant contribution, through either on-duty or off-duty activities, in the area of public service. Commissioner Dormer was pleased to honor the following recipient for 2006:

Thomas Kelly, Lt. First Precinct

DANIEL P. GUIDO LEADERSHIP AWARD
The Daniel P. Guido Leadership Award is a newly created award that honors a sworn member who has demonstrated outstanding leadership, professionalism and integrity. For 2006, Commissioner Dormer recognized the following recipient:

Robert D. Sweeney, Lt. Recruit Training Section

EDWIN HERNANDEZ TRAFFIC/SAFETY AWARD
The Edwin Hernandez Traffic Safety/Enforcement Award recognizes members of the service who have demonstrated superior performance in the areas of traffic safety and law enforcement, in support of the reduction of injuries and fatalities resulting from motor vehicle crashes. In 2006, Commissioner Dormer presented this new award to:

Henry Coleman, P.O. #4606 Highway Enforcement Section

CIVILIAN AWARDS
Special Service Award - Group Special Service Award - Group Recognition Award
The Second Annual Civilian Awards Ceremony was held on May 19, 2006. Police Commissioner Dormer was pleased to honor the following civilian members of the Department.

SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD
Candace McCready, Evidence Control Clerk II
Deborah Grundstrom, Sr. Police Operations Aide
Gail Francis, Head Clerk
Kathleen Bleck, Sr. Research Analyst
Leticia Barberich, Principal Clerk
May Wan, Systems Analysis Supervisor
Muriel Campbell, Head Clerk
Richard Colasuonno Sr., Photographic Technician
Sarah Furey, Sr. Grants Analyst

Left to Right: AME Pres. Cheryl Felice, Sarah Furey and Commissioner Dormer
GROUP SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD

In-Service Training
Frank Lettieri, Audio Visual Production Manager
Peter Hoffman, Audio Visual Production Specialist
Kevin Ryan, Audio Visual Production Specialist

Information Technologies Section
Debra Verderosa, Sr. Programmer Analyst
May Wan, Systems Analyst Supervisor

Left to right: AME President Cheryl Felice, Debra Verderosa, May Wan and Commissioner Dormer

Left to right: AME President Cheryl Felice, Kevin Ryan, Peter Hoffman, Frank Lettieri, Commissioner Dormer
GROUP SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD

Patricia Lamb, Sr. Police Operations Aide and Valerie Zickmund, Sr. Police Operations Aide from the Office of Police Commissioner/Legal, received the Group Special Service Award.

Left to right: Patricia Lamb, Valerie Zickmund and Commissioner Dormer

Quartermaster Section

Geraldine Attivissimo, Material Control Clerk IV
Loretta Davies, Materiel Control Clerk IV
Dennis Engo, Materiel Control Clerk II
Greg Gallelli, Materiel Control Clerk II
Casto Gonzalez, Materiel Control Clerk IV
Cynthia Manning, Clerk Typist
Marlene Marigliano, Tailor
Robert McConville, Warehouse Worker II
Marie Mosher, Materiel Control Clerk II

Douglas Potoreiko, Materiel Control Clerk I
Sherri Quick, Materiel Control Clerk III
James Silsbe, Driver-Messenger
Catherine Sullivan, Principal Clerk
Robert Walsh, Warehouse Worker II
Edward Webber, Warehouse Worker II
Janice Zalenka, Purchasing Technician (Retired)
Daniel Zvanovec, Materiel Control Clerk I

Above: Quartermaster Section personnel receive a Group Recognition Award
EMPLOYEE AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Exceptional Meritorious Award
Peter Devlin, P.O. #4611

On October 31, 2004, Police Officer Peter Devlin received notification of a theft of clothing from a Marshall’s department store in the Commack area. The suspect had fled the scene in a stolen vehicle. Officer Devlin began a canvass of the area. An assisting unit spotted the suspect, who then led police on a short pursuit through the Commack area and evaded them. Officer Devlin again began to meticulously check the neighborhood block by block and saw the suspect’s vehicle pull into a driveway. Officer Devlin positioned his vehicle to block the driveway. The suspect then jumped out of the vehicle and rushed toward the officer shouting, “Shoot me, shoot me.” The suspect punched Officer Devlin several times and a violent struggle ensued. Both suspect and officer fell to the ground. The suspect grabbed the officer’s gun, trying to gain control while screaming that he was going to kill Officer Devlin with his own gun. Trying to keep control of his service weapon, Officer Devlin maced the suspect, but this had little impact on the suspect. Officer Devlin injured his shoulder during the struggle. Despite his pain, he used his defensive tactic skills to subdue the suspect and take him into custody. The suspect was a convicted felon and an escapee from a Manhattan Correctional Facility.

For his relentless determination to locate the suspect, to become engaged in a violent struggle and persevere despite personal injury, Officer Peter Devlin is awarded the Exceptional Meritorious Award.

Exceptional Meritorious Award
Frank Filiberto, P.O. #5238
Mitchell Weisbrod, P.O. #4783
Charles Tramontana, P.O.#4365

On March 26, 2005, Police Officers Filiberto, Weisbrod and Tramontana responded to a motor vehicle crash in Ronkonkoma. A 15-year-old driver had lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a tree. The teen was trapped inside while the passenger compartment burned. The driver’s pants and shirt caught fire. The officers emptied two fire extinguishers in an attempt to push back the flames. Unable to reach the victim using the driver’s door, they opened the rear passenger door, unlatched the seat and attempted to pull him out. This, too, was unsuccessful since he was caught up in his seatbelt. Using a third fire extinguisher to push back the flames, they were able to cut the seatbelt with a knife and pull the driver out the rear door of the burning vehicle. The 15-year-old was airlifted to Stony Brook University Medical Center and admitted with multiple broken bones, third-degree burns, puncture wounds and lacerations.

The officers displayed bravery in a situation that posed grave danger to themselves as well as the victim. Their tenacity and perseverence resulted in the saving of a young life. For their bravery, Officers Frank Filiberto, Mitchell Weisbrod and Charles Tramontana are awarded the Exceptional Meritorious Award.
Exceptional Meritorious Award
Frank Filiberto, P.O. #5238
Jeffrey Harkins, P.O. #5513
Kathleen Holmes, P.O. #4868
Arthur Bukowski, Det. #0966
Scott Keith, Det. #1176

On September 29, 2004, a distraught man was engaged in an emotional conversation with his estranged girlfriend. The subject doused his vehicle and himself with gasoline while holding a cigarette lighter and threatening to light himself and the car on fire. When Police Officers Frank Filiberto, Harkins and Holmes arrived at the scene, they immediately left their vehicles and engaged the man in conversation. The man began yelling at the officers to stop moving or he would light the lighter. The distraught man became more agitated by tormenting from his girlfriend and attempted to light the cigarette lighter. Detectives Bukowski and Keith tackled the man. Police Officers Frank Filiberto, Harkins and Holmes quickly moved in to assist, and the dangerous and distraught man was taken into custody. Their quick and decisive actions resulted in the successful termination of an otherwise explosive situation.

The department is proud to present Police Officers Frank Filiberto, Jeffrey Harkins, Kathleen Holmes and Detectives Arthur Bukowski and Scott Keith the Exceptional Meritorious Award.

Exceptional Meritorious Award
Nicholas Vezzi, P.O. #5460
Steven O’Brock, P.O. #5289

On March 29, 2004, three people attempted to commit an armed robbery at the Radio Shack store located on Sunrise Highway in Oakdale. During the robbery, one suspect shot and killed Christopher Gilardi, a disabled employee of the store. After hearing the initial details of the robbery over the police radio, Officer Vezzi positioned his vehicle to cover westbound traffic at Sunrise Highway, the likely escape route. Officer O’Brock subsequently identified the vehicle containing the suspects and began to pursue them westbound on Sunrise Highway. Officer Vezzi followed behind. As the pursuit continued on the Southern State Parkway, Officer Vezzi became the lead officer as they traveled through a residential area of Central Islip. At Wilson and Cedar, the suspects’ car crashed and they ran from the vehicle. Officer Vezzi pursued two of the subjects, one of whom dropped a loaded gun that turned out to be the murder weapon. One suspect was apprehended after a physical confrontation, the other two were caught in close proximity. All three suspects were charged with Murder 2nd Degree. The trio had been involved in a series of Radio Shack robberies in Suffolk, Nassau and Queens. After two trials, all three subjects were convicted of Murder 2nd Degree and all sentenced to 25 years to life in prison. The officer’s actions were critical to the immediate apprehension of these violent criminals and the successful prosecution for the murder of Christopher Gilardi.

For their actions, which involved personal risk of life, Police Officers Steven O’Brock and Nicholas Vezzi have been awarded the Exceptional Meritorious Award.
On October 15, 2005, winds were blowing between 35 and 40 miles per hour on the Great South Bay, creating a treacherous surf line in the Moriches Inlet with waves 8 to 12 feet high. Due to its rapidly changing shoaling conditions, the Moriches Inlet is unsafe to navigate at any time, according to the U.S. Coast Guard. Officers Bogachunas and Femia were aboard patrol vessel Marine Mike, when they saw a boat attempt to navigate the inlet. The boat capsized, throwing the lone occupant into the surf without a life jacket. The officers skillfully navigated their vessel into the inlet, carefully timing the breaking waves that were crashing over their boat. With each wave, the victim went under water, making it difficult for the officers to maintain sight of him. The officers were finally able to get close enough to the victim to throw him a life ring and pull him aboard. Returning safely was even more difficult because the waves were breaking over the stern of the boat. Without the heroic efforts of these officers, the boater might have drowned.

For remaining calm and focused in treacherous seas, completing their mission and saving a life, Police Officers Peter Bogachunas and Robert Femia are presented with the Department’s Exceptional Meritorious Award.

On March 2, 2004, Officer Sgaglione and Detective Rudek responded to a call of a subject trapped in a motor vehicle following a crash in Mastic Beach. Upon arrival, they saw a vehicle on its side, wrapped around a telephone pole, which had split in half causing live wires to dangle above the vehicle. A seriously injured female was trapped inside the vehicle. The officers began extricating the victim with the use of a Hurst tool. The closer they came to freeing the victim, the further the pole cracked, threatening to fall on the victim and the rescuers with live wires. The fire department responded and assisted the officers, but quickly retreated as the danger of the pole and wires falling increased. While the fire chief ordered his responders to clear the area until LIPA arrived to cut the electric, the officers continued to work for 20 minutes until the victim was freed and transported to the hospital. The victim recovered from her injuries. If not for the heroic actions of these officers, the victim may not have survived.

For their act of personal bravery, intelligently performed, involving grave personal danger, Officer Nicholas Sgaglione and Detective Daniel Rudek are awarded the Exceptional Meritorious Award.
Exceptional Police Service Award
James O'Hagan P.O. #5427
Matthew Wargas P.O. #5672

In June of 2005, the First Precinct was plagued with gang related drive-by shootings; houses, cars and people were targets. On June 20, 2005, two known gang members walked up to a family barbeque with handguns and fired numerous rounds into the crowd and wounded two people. After checking with the First Squad, Officers O'Hagan and Wargas were aware of the urgency to apprehend the suspects before another shooting occurred. Using their contacts and informants, the officers learned the whereabouts of one suspect. They responded with the First Squad and placed one suspect into custody. At the arrest site, Officers O'Hagan and Wargas interviewed an associate of the arrestee and learned the location of the second suspect. They responded to that location and took a second suspect into custody. A further investigation revealed that both subjects were responsible for additional shootings in the First Precinct area. Additionally, Officers O'Hagan and Wargas were instrumental in the arrest of a subject with a .380 semi-automatic handgun in which a ballistic examination indicated the gun was involved in four separate shootings that were part of a gang-related conflict. The officers' initiative and diligence combined with their use of informants resulted in the incarceration of two dangerous gang members, which put an end to a very dangerous condition and pattern occurring in the First Precinct.

For their actions, Officers James O'Hagan and Matthew Wargas are awarded the Department’s Exceptional Police Service Award.

Meritorious Police Service Award
Keith Sinclair, P.O. #1375
Tracy Tarantino, P.O. #5101

In late 2005, there was a rash of armed robberies on the North Shore of Suffolk County. The incidents involved a male stealing narcotics from local pharmacies. Officers Sinclair and Tarantino of the Fourth Precinct Crime Section reviewed available data on the crime pattern and elected to stake-out a CVS pharmacy in Smithtown. At approximately 5:30 p.m., the officers observed a suspicious person outside the store. The officers followed the subject inside and saw him making his way to the pharmacy counter. The suspect raised his shirt, displayed a gun to the pharmacist, and demanded narcotics. The panicked pharmacist began putting pills into a bag. Officer Sinclair drew his service weapon and shouted, “Police, don’t move.” The subject fled down one of the aisles, knocking down Officer Tarantino and managing to exit the store. The officers pursued the suspect, caught up to him and a violent struggle ensued. Officers Sinclair and Tarantino gained control of the subject and took him into custody. He was charged with multiple counts of robbery.

For their intelligent actions in the successful apprehension of a violent felon, Police Officers Keith Sinclair and Tracy Tarantino are the recipients of the Meritorious Police Service Award.
2006 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Suffolk County Police Department is committed to delivering the highest level of service to the community it serves. This year was an outstanding year for the department. Due to the hard work and dedication of members of this organization, crime has been reduced over the last three years. In addition to continuing efforts to decrease crime, our members are dedicated to providing the highest level of customer service. While a big part of the job is keeping residents safe, we also strive to attain positive public perception of our department and that is done by treating all members of the public with kindness, dignity and respect.

The Police Command Staff has initiated changes designed not only to maximize the use of existing resources, but also to improve our levels of service throughout the Police District. To meet our continued success, the department must continue to change to meet the needs of the citizens we serve, as well as make adjustments to meet the changing times.

**Crime Prevention**  **Public Safety**  **Quality of Life**

A number of programs were instituted in 2006 to reduce and deter crime. This included the “task force” concept which uses a group of officers to target crime “hot spots.” It proved successful in combating criminal activity and quality of life complaints. Here is a sampling of some of the many initiatives put forth in 2006:

**SCET** - In response to the increase in street crimes and street robberies, the Patrol and Detective Division teamed up to staff the Street Crime Enforcement Team (SCET). This task force was in operation from April 20 to June 21, 2006. In all, 434 persons were arrested on 634 charges; 21 of the charges were for robberies. Of the arrestees, 73 were confirmed gang members. Five guns were seized.

**Operation Be Sure Before You Sell** - This plan was launched to help identify locations throughout Suffolk County that engage in the sale of alcohol and/or tobacco products to minors. All seven precincts participated. In total, 708 establishments were checked; 140 establishments were found to be in violation. Under this operation, 141 people were arrested.

**Security Guard Compliance Checks** - In response to recent high profile cases of bar and/or nightclub security officers in other jurisdictions, the Suffolk County Police Department instituted the Security Guard Compliance Checks to verify compliance with the New York State General Business Law in Suffolk County. Throughout the month of July, Crime Section officers from each of the seven precincts conducted 149 compliance checks at establishments licensed to sell alcohol. There were 19 people arrested, including 12 security guards and seven persons in charge of the establishment at the time of the checks. This is an ongoing initiative.
Operation SAVE - The Suffolk County Police Marine Bureau teamed up with the Coast Guard several times to promote boating safety through aggressive enforcement of the Navigation Law. Operation SAVE (Suffolk Aggressive Vessel Enforcement) is a campaign to educate the boating public about the importance of adhering to safe boating practices and equipment practices. During one weekend operation in August, 726 vessels were inspected, 186 violations were cited, 39 vessel voyages were terminated and four people were arrested for Boating While Intoxicated.

Commissioner Dormer held an Operation SAVE recognition ceremony to recognize participants.

Left to right: Captain Bill Read, Police Officer Peter Bogachunas, Commissioner Dormer, Deputy Inspector Harold Jantzen and Captain Peter Boynton

Homeland Security- Progress continues to be made on homeland security initiatives. In 2006, there were a number of aggressive drills and exercises that has not only increased in complexity but also put an emphasis on a multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional approach to critical incident responses. Among the exercises: simulated attacks on the regional rail and bus system, an explosive threat to ferry service and a potential SARS outbreak requiring quarantine.

Road Check 2006- The Suffolk County Police Highway Patrol Bureau’s Motor Carrier Safety Section participated in a nationwide initiative designed to address highway safety and homeland security concerns. During operation “Road Check 2006” police increased commercial motor vehicle inspections for cargo tanker trucks to find unsafe vehicles and get them off the roadways. The operation resulted in 51 trucks being stopped and inspected, 35 summonses issued for various vehicle and traffic violations and seven trucks being taken out of service.
Crash Reduction—Traffic Enforcement Initiative: Each precinct and the Highway Patrol Bureau continue to monitor the TrafficStat program. High crash locations are continually analyzed and enforcement efforts are dedicated where appropriate. While the total number of crashes continues to decline in the seven precincts and Highway Patrol Bureau, crashes with injuries/fatalities have increased. This trend was a major topic of discussion during past TrafficStat meetings and discussions will continue to be the focus of future meetings.

Article Tracking System—The Article Tracking System, a computer database program accessible via the Internet has been fully implemented. The program has been instrumental in the recovery of thousands of dollars in stolen property and the apprehension of numerous people responsible for stolen goods. Additionally, a new county law requires scrap metal dealers to report purchases to the ATS. This helps deter sales and purchases of stolen goods and aids in the recovery of stolen goods.

Community Outreach

Efforts continued this year to improve the relationship between the department and the communities it serves. A number of programs were continued from previous years and new programs were also created.

Child Safety Seat Program Expanded—Sixteen Community Oriented Police Enforcement (COPE) officers were trained as child passenger seat technicians, thanks to grant money obtained through the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee. While the department has had a small program for many years, the addition of these technicians has made the department the largest participating organization in Suffolk County. In one event, of the 57 car seats that were checked, 45 of them were found to be installed incorrectly. The funding also allowed for the replacement of some car seats that were found to be lacking.

Left: Police Officer Robert Viggers demonstrates how to put in a child safety seat during a community outreach event.
New Teen Driving Course - A new course for teen drivers was offered to teach new drivers how to avoid dangerous driving situations. The course taught by Police Emergency Vehicle Operation Course instructors consisted of a short classroom lecture followed by a live demonstration on the EVOC track. Students learned vehicle dynamics which included: braking, cornering, accelerating and crash avoidance.

Gun Buy Back Initiative - The program offered residents an opportunity to turn in guns for cash cards in what was called Operation Gift Incentive for Trade-in or GIFT. The program netted nearly 500 guns in just two weeks. The goal was to keep Suffolk safe, by reducing the number of firearms in Suffolk communities. Included among the collected guns were assault weapons, rifles and handguns.

Recruitment - A major goal for recruitment in 2006 was to encourage minority candidates, in particular African-Americans, to view the Suffolk County Police Department as a viable career choice. This consisted of a Minority Recruitment Initiative which stressed cooperation with influential community leaders and the department. A focused recruitment effort was also utilized in ethnically diverse areas in Suffolk, Nassau and New York City. As a result of the recruitment campaign, more than 29,000 applicants applied for the upcoming entrance examination.
2007 OBJECTIVES AND INITIATIVES

The department is proud of all its successes and we are continuously looking at ways to improve the level of service. We are dedicated to providing a safe environment for the people we serve, and each member of our service is committed to enforcing the law with impartiality, respect and compassion. The department enthusiastically raises the bar each year as we look to become even better. The objectives the department has set for 2007, are in some instances a continuation or enhancement of initiatives that began in 2006.

Here are a few of the many objectives and initiatives planned for 2007:

Research and Development: Support the development of web page crime statistics that are accessible to the public to alleviate some of the requests that are processed by Research and Development personnel. Simple inquires for statistics would be available through the web page.

Arrest Processing System: IT Section plans on implementing a new computer-based, officer-initiated arrest processing application, this system would allow officers the ability to enter their arrests into the computer, eliminating the need for handwriting reports and faxing them to Central Records. This system will be available from all police department computers, most notably from Precinct Squad rooms.

PAL Reach-Out: Continue to operate in schools to assist and reach out to “at risk” children.

Recruitment: Encourage minority candidates to view the department as a viable career choice. Establish a minority recruitment campaign which includes television, radio and print media.

SCAN Program: Fully implement the SCAN (Suffolk County Alert Network) program. The email based information exchange will allow the department to communicate with our partners outside of the law enforcement community. It provides an information highway whereby information can flow into and from the department. Topics may range from traffic conditions, weather advisories and crime alerts to terrorism.

Identity Theft Education: Increase efforts to educate the public on ways they can better protect themselves from becoming victims of identity theft. Information will be disseminated through bulletins on the department’s website, brochures and presentations.

Teen DWI Prevention Program: In an effort to address the issue of drinking and driving, a plan is being developed to use placards on teen vehicles. This would authorize police officers to stop a vehicle displaying a placard during a yet to be determined time period.

Use of Task Force Concept: Continue to utilize task force enforcement teams where appropriate based on emerging trends in street crimes. This has proven successful in the past for street robberies, gang and drug activities.

Crash Reduction: Continue to address motor vehicle crashes by emphasizing the three “E’s” – Education, Enforcement and Engineering. As we look for innovative ways to continue the reduction of crashes, each precinct will continue to analyze high crash locations and contributing factors.
The Suffolk County Police Department is recognized as one of the premier law enforcement agencies in the United States. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation publication issued in September of 2006, “Crime in the United States,” the Suffolk County Police Department ranks number 13 in terms of sworn officer staffing levels when compared to all city and county police agencies throughout the country. When state police agencies are considered along with city and county police departments, the Suffolk County Police Department ranks number 18 in sworn officer staffing levels nationally.

Our Department’s number of sworn officers as of December 31, 2006 was 2,721. The Department received 746,181 calls for service in 2006. The Police District population, which continues to grow, was, according to Long Island Power Authority estimates, 1,330,627 as of January 1, 2006. This population, which has increased by 44,926 people (3.49%) in the last 5 years, is spread over 564.5 square miles.

**2003-2006 VIOLENT AND PROPERTY CRIME COMPARISON**

Violent and Property Crime figures represent the number of Part One crimes (Murder, Forcible Rape, Assault, Robbery, Burglary, Motor Vehicle Theft and Larceny) reported in the Suffolk County Police District. Part One crimes are a federal standard used by the FBI Uniform Crime Reports.
### 2006 VIOLENT CRIME

- Murder: 37 (1%)
- Forcible Rape: 86 (3%)
- Robbery: 1,331 (55%)
- Aggravated Assault: 1,027 (41%)

### 2006 PROPERTY CRIME

- Burglary: 2,328 (9%)
- Larceny: 3,373 (14%)
- Motor Vehicle Theft: 19,110 (77%)
POPULATION/CALLS FOR SERVICE BY PRECINCT
CALENDAR YEAR 2006
FIRST, SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH PRECINCTS

1st Pct.
Population: 207,460
Service Calls: 17.5%

2nd Pct.
Population: 189,571
Service Calls: 13.7%

3rd Pct.
Population: 217,550
Service Calls: 17.0%

4th Pct.
Population: 165,890
Service Calls: 12.0%
POPULATION/CALLS FOR SERVICE BY PRECINCT
CALENDAR YEAR 2006
FIFTH, SIXTH, AND SEVENTH PRECINCTS

6th Pct.
Population: 242,101
Service Calls: 16.3%

5th Pct.
Population: 170,775
Service Calls: 12.7%

7th Pct.
Population: 137,280
Service Calls: 10.8%

Percentage of calls for service data is based only on calls directly attributed to a precinct.

Service calls: Percentage of total calls attributed to the precincts.
On May 19, 2006, the department unveiled the new police memorial park at the Suffolk Police Memorial Service. The elegant new park was designed to honor the 21 Suffolk Police officers who made the ultimate sacrifice. The police memorial was created in partnership with the department’s Community Outreach Bureau, the Department of Public Works and the Suffolk County Police Memorial Fund. Special thanks to Lorraine Hickey who secured the funding to make this project possible.
SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF OUR OFFICERS WHO HAVE DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

JOHN J. NOLAN 5-20-52 4-17-69
ALFRED C. KOBLEK 9-22-50 7-14-63
ALBERT A. WIELLETS 2-1-41 6-3-71
WILLIAM V. DEROSA 12-3-47 1-31-76
CARMINE M. MACCHIA 7-16-45 6-15-73
JOHN JANTZEN 5-11-55 4-27-91
JOHN VENUS 5-8-68 11-20-94

VINCENT G. DE Vivo 4-10-27 10-28-62
GEORGE McMULLEN 4-23-24 4-24-69
FRANK CATALDO 9-6-35 11-5-71
JACK C. BURKHARDT 1-6-42 3-15-71
LAWRENCE DEVINE 12-19-38 5-22-81
JAMES HUTCHENS 1-22-44 7-2-92
TIMOTHY J. HENCK 9-1-64 8-6-95

CARMelo A. CATTANO 9-7-27 5-30-63
GEORGE A. FREES 8-9-42 4-6-71
JOSEPH H. HAWKINS 5-8-24 8-13-72
RALPH SORLI 2-8-35 8-14-77
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HENRY STEWART 6-17-47 7-11-92
EDWIN HERNANDEZ 10-31-59 7-27-04