

# **Community Relations Report 2017**





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# Introduction

The Suffolk County Police Department's Community Relations Bureau [CRB] fosters and preserves active and open avenues of communication between the Department and the diverse communities it serves. CRB builds



lasting relationships based on trust and mutual respect in an ongoing effort to identify, understand and solve contemporary public safety issues.

As part of its mission, CRB also supervises the county-wide Community Liaison Officer Program, the School Resource Officer Program, the Recruitment Section and the Police Athletic League. The Bureau also coordinates and oversees a variety of outreach initiatives throughout the County, such as Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), Operation Medicine Cabinet, "Unity in the Community", "Vamos a Hablar" and "Let's Talk", "The Ugly Truth", "Coffee With a Cop", "Teen Gaming", "HERE Truancy" and "Impact Truancy".

In addition to its multi-faceted approach to community outreach, the CRB is also responsible for the coordination and maintenance of language access resources for the entire Police Department. The Bureau creates and maintains the Department's Language Access Plan, it oversees certification of all interpreters, translators and bilingual officers, and it maps changing language assistance needs across the county. The CRB also conducts and analyzes community satisfactions surveys, and acts as the central repository of community relations information for the entire Department.

This report catalogues the success CRB has enjoyed over the last year and identifies the challenges anticipated in 2018.

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# **Programs and Subordinate Units**

# **Community Liaison Program/COPE Officer Program**

The Community Relations Bureau deploys seven Community Liaison Officers [CLOs] to serve as a bridge between each Precinct and the communities they serve. In addition, two Community Oriented Police Engagement [COPE] Officers are also assigned to each of the seven Precincts. The Department began the CLO Program and re-organized COPE in April of 2014 and considers these programs as one of its most successful community initiatives to date.

CLOs and COPE Officers work with an array of individual community members,



advocacy groups, business owners, school officials, and other governmental agencies to enhance relations and to help identify important issues.

CLOs are assigned to CRB and are detailed out to each of the seven precincts in the Police District, while two COPE Officers are assigned to each individual precinct on a full-time basis. They host regularly scheduled monthly Precinct meetings and attend a variety of communitysponsored meetings throughout their Precinct. When not participating in these organized events, CLOs and COPE Officers visit with citizens and local organizations in order to increase crime awareness, crime prevention, and personal

safety. They also coordinate with our School Resource Officers and assist them in providing training, outreach activities and presentations that are relevant to their communities.

CLOs and COPE Officers concentrate their efforts in those communities most in need of assistance, providing a highly visible and approachable representative of the Police Department. They act as the primary coordinators for the Precinct monthly meetings and for county-wide programs as well. They also utilize social media such as Nixle, Facebook and Twitter to advertise these events and programs and provide the most timely information possible to all members of the community.

In 2017, CLOs and COPE Officers continued posting events on Facebook and Tweeting from events and programs. SCPD has eight different Twitter feeds, one dedicated to Headquarters and one for each of the individual precincts. The

number of followers on SCPD Facebook has expanded from 71,273 on January 1, 2017 to 110,560 as of December 31, 2017. The SCPDHQ Twitter following

expanded from 765 followers on January 1, 2017 to 5,692,  $1^{st}$  Pct from 609 to 1566,  $2^{nd}$  Pct from 556 to 1376,  $3^{rd}$  Pct. from 540 to 1348,  $4^{th}$  Pct. from 521 to 1370,  $5^{th}$  Pct. from 658 to 1436,  $6^{th}$  Pct. from 542 to 1533, and the 7<sup>th</sup> Pct. from 384 to 1194 followers.

The Department will continue to devote resources to this successful, proactive endeavor and will continue to staff the CLO



and COPE Programs with the best possible candidates to carry on its mission.

# **School Resource Officer Program**

School Resource Officers (SROs) conduct the following presentations in high schools and middle schools across the county: <u>Prescription Drugs to Heroin</u>, <u>Gangs & Associated Violence</u>, <u>Diversity & Tolerance</u>, <u>Cyber Law</u>, <u>Alcohol & the High School Student</u>, <u>Social Host & Pre-Prom</u>, <u>What to do When</u> <u>Stopped by the Police</u>, <u>Active Shooter</u> and <u>Vehicle Survival-Behind the</u> <u>Wheel</u>. SROs make it their top priority to present these topics in a manner that engages young people and speaks to them in relevant terms. Presentations and assistance are also offered on request to elementary schools. SROs also conduct informational forums on requested topics such as, the growing Heroin epidemic, tactics to promote safe usage of the internet, and proper conduct in social settings.

SROs are assigned both to CRB and to the individual Precincts, and they meet together with CRB on a quarterly basis in order to share information and receive group training. These quarterly "trainers" also the timeliness, consistency, accuracy and quality of the information that is provided to students county-wide.

SROs also work closely with school officials in identifying at-risk youth. Officers engage such students through mentoring, and then guide them to resources in their area to help form more positive behavior and choices. SROs were engaged in mentoring programs in the Copaigue, William Floyd and Wyandanch school districts throughout 2017.

In 2017, an additional SRO was assigned to Brentwood Central School District to give additional support to the students and administration after several young persons were murdered as a result of MS13 gang violence. This SRO is

specifically assigned to engage students at the Middle Schools and Freshmen Center, offering mentoring, classroom instruction and after school engagement throughout the summer at organized programs. In October 2017 at the request of Governor Cuomo, SCPD partnered with New York State Troopers to create an education and aweness program for Educators regarding gang identification, prevention and intervention. The Department will continue this partnership through 2018.

# **Recruitment Section**

The SCPD Recruitment Section is responsible for actively recruiting qualified candidates for a career in law enforcement with the Suffolk County Police Department.

Recruitment practices are continually analyzed and enhanced to identify and employ the most effective measures. The Recruitment Section works closely with colleges and community groups to identify qualified candidates, with a special emphasis directed toward recruiting Latino, African-American, and Spanish speaking candidates in order to reflect the demographics of the communities served by the Department.

During the 2017 recruitment campaign, officers attended local NAACP meetings, Latino community events, multi-denominational religious services, and job fairs at military posts, high schools and colleges. Our Recruitment officers initiated a "Ride Along" program for college students and community members, offering them the opportunity to observe first-hand the duties of a Suffolk County Police Officer and the manner in which we interact with the public.

Efforts to diversify the recruitment of crossing guards also continued in 2017. Recruitment Officers, CLOs and COPE officers provided employment information at religious services, local libraries, community meetings, Latino advocacy

groups and PTA/PTO groups. Crossing Guard flyers were also posted on Facebook and Twitter as well.



# **Police Athletic League**

The Police Athletic League (PAL) is a recreation-oriented organization that utilizes sports and recreational activities in order to tighten the bond between police officers and young members of the community. The PAL program enables more than 20,000 children to engage in a variety of sporting events and activities across the County. The goal of PAL is to engage our youth in hopes of decreasing the lure of gangs, drugs, and other delinquent behavior.

Suffolk County PAL is proud to host the largest youth football program in the State of New York. In addition to team sports programs, PAL programs also includes cooking classes, karate classes, Swim for Survival, fishing trips, and the presentation "Crash Course in Crash Avoidance".

In 2017 the PAL Soccer Program continued in Patchogue and Wyandanch. Wyandanch provided a weekly clinic for youth who wanted to learn soccer skills which allowed more than 80 youth to continue building skills and a love for the game. Patchogue Latino Soccer continued strong with 175 participants in the program. The Patchogue program continues as a year round program with



indoor soccer and basketball supported by Patchogue Medford School District.



PAL also continues to support the Wyandanch Summer Youth Camp Program which provides young campers mentoring by First Precinct SROs during a 5 week program. Campers are taught lessons in safety, bullying, internet safety, self-esteem building, and drug awareness, and attend numerous trips to museums, farms and parks, exposing them to new experiences.

During 2017, cooking classes were hosted in several communities throughout the police district, including several at Brentwood's South and East Middle Schools where officers and school security combined efforts to engage with students during the difficult time the district has suffered at the hands of gang violence. Community Relations Bureau personnel assisted by COPE and School Resource Officers brought in volunteer chefs to teach youth valuable cooking skills in a fun and friendly environment. The officers assisted the children as they prepared recipes designed by their guest chef. PAL sponsored many of these events by

providing funding for food items, other supplies and the portable cooking equipment necessary to bring the program on the road. Classes have been given in Bellport, Brentwood, Central Islip, Gordon Heights, Centereach, Medford, Huntington Station, Wyandanch and Rocky Point, and many more are scheduled for 2018.

# **Police Explorers**

The Community Relations Bureau oversees the Suffolk County Police Explorers Program, which is coordinated through the Boy Scouts of America. The Police Explorers is a goal-orientated program for individuals between the ages of 14 and 21 who are interested in pursuing law enforcement as a possible career path. Although the Police Explorers is described as a "learning for life" program, it also serves as a volunteer public service program.

Each of the seven Precincts maintains an Explorer Post where participants are taught criminal law, and police procedures and tactics. They also engage in community outreach events and many other law enforcement activities. Police Officer Advisors help guide Explorers by teaching them valuable life skills and giving them insight into the daily life of a Police Officer. The Department has thirteen Police Officers and six civilian volunteers who oversee more than 200 participants.

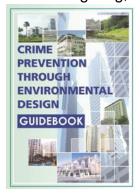
In 2017 four Explorers from the Fourth Precinct were accepted into the FBI summer youth camp. This is a high honor due to the number of applicants that these particular programs receive.



# **Presentations, Events and Services**

#### Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

The goal of CPTED is to reduce the opportunity for crime inherent in the design of certain buildings and neighborhoods. CRB officers trained in CPTED assess the physical design of buildings including the landscape plans, interior and exterior lighting, access control systems, security features, and traffic control



devices. Upon request, the CRB will conduct CPTED site surveys for schools and businesses, in order to assist with crime reduction and quality of life issues. Additionally, Community Relations Bureau sent four Community Liaison Officers to Advanced CPTED training to better equip their personnel to work with communities on their quality of life issues. SCPD will bring these skills to challenged neighborhoods, working with community partners and residents on revitalization projects.

#### Car Seat Inspections:

The Community Relations Bureau has 10 Community Liaison, COPE and School Resource Officers professionally trained to inspect and install car seats. SCPD partnered with Education Assistance Corporation, (EAC) New York, at 12 car seat safety events in 2017. Trained officers physically inspected child seats for defects, recalls and proper installation. EAC provided replacement seats at no charge to the participants to ensure the safety of their children. These events were hosted in several communities, including Farmingville, which has a large Latino population. This partnership with EAC has continued through 2017 with CLO, COPE and SROs continuing to provide outreach in this capacity. In December 2017, six CLO, COPE and SROs were professionally trained to inspect and install car seats. SCPD partnered with members of Adelante, a Latino advocacy group in Brentwood and Central Islip, to provide car seat inspection and installation to more than 35 participants, many of which were not citizens, explaining the importance of safety for their children while conducting a much needed community engagement activity to strengthen trust between police and the immigrant community.

# S.A.V.E (School Active Violence Emergency):

The Community Relations Bureau continued implementing the S.A.V.E. Program in 2017, which streamlines the police response to an actively violent school situation. As of December 30, 2017 S.A.V.E. hotline phone numbers have been installed in 34 public school districts within police district. The program is running with live phones in all 34 districts, where 384 phones have been installed in 263 school buildings. Two remaining school districts with several buildings and 1 college with 3 buildings are in the implementation process. In addition, 2 private schools and two local colleges have live hotline phones in their buildings. Community Relations Bureau will continue to be responsible for coordinating the implementation of this program and will act as a liaison between these schools and the police department. There was a slight decline in numbers due to schools that stated they would participate in the program but have not added phone numbers to their systems.

# Youth Academy

SCPD has been hosting Youth Academies each summer at the Police Academy. The Youth Academy provides teens an opportunity to experience the tasks and physical training that SCPD Recruits undergo prior to assignment to a precinct. Two of the training weeks are dedicated to minority youth through the Suffolk County Executive's Youth Bureau Program. In 2017, 185 teens, 93 from the Youth Bureau Program, participated in the Youth Academy. Academy personnel as well as COPE and SROS provide instruction and run drills throughout the week. Spanish speaking officers participated in interactive conversations with them as well, further fostering positive relationships.

## Crash Course In Crash Avoidance:

This program is a half-day safe driving instructional course for teenagers between 16-19 years old. The goal of this program is to educate teenagers in avoidance measures under dangerous driving conditions. During July of 2017 SCPD EVOC instructors provided one week of instruction to 55 teenagers to complete the program.

# National Night Out

National Night Out is a yearly event sponsored by Target Corporation and local community partners where police officers interact with community members in a positive manner. In August of 2017 the Community Relations Bureau hosted 7 National Night Out events within Suffolk County, as well as providing support to

an 8<sup>th</sup> event in Brentwood. Each of the 7 Precincts simultaneously held events, either at their local Target Store or at an area park. The coordinated efforts of the Community Liaison Officers, COPE and Special Patrol Bureau personnel provided a unique experience for attendees to view department equipment and special units such as Canine, Aviation and Emergency Service. Additionally, SCPD partnered with the FBI at 3 of the locations to help foster community feelings of safety with all law enforcement agencies. More than 3,500 community members attended the events countywide.



## Impact Truancy:

The CRB, in cooperation with William Floyd Middle School and the Education Assistance Corp. (EAC), conducted a truancy reduction program called "*Impact Truancy*". Several CRB Officers (CLOs, SROs) met after school with 9<sup>th</sup> grade students who were identified by administrators as intra-day truants; i.e., students who go to school in the morning, but then skip their assigned classes. Officers conveyed the importance of finishing high school and facilitated various exercises with students and counselors from EAC. The program assisted students in identifying their specific needs in order to better prepare them for school.

In September 2017, the CRB continued the pilot truancy program working directly with a small select group of students in the Copiague Middle School, engaging not only the students but the parents as well. The Copiague Program includes weekly sessions with the identified students and monthly meetings with their parents to identify the cause of the student's truancy and to determine methods for its reduction. Students were referred by Copiague Middle School administrators and social workers.

Wyandanch School Resource Officers conduct a weekly mentoring program during which students referred through the administrative staff talk about the consequences of negative behavior and brainstorm methods to prevent future events fostering a positive path for their education.

#### The Ugly Truth

Community Relations Bureau has developed an education and awareness program to proactively combat the growing prescription drug and heroin epidemic in Suffolk County. Community Liaison Officers coordinate these events, which are hosted primarily at local high schools. School Resource



Officers provide "Prescription Drugs to Heroin" presentations to students in assemblies or classroom settings during school hours, and then follow with "The Ugly Truth" presentation, which is held in the evening and involves parents. students, faculty and other members of the community. Participants are given information regarding heroin and the Medical Examiner's perspective on drug abuse deaths. SCPD EMTs provide information on the Good Samaritan law, discuss signs and symptoms of an overdose, and demonstrate how to administer Narcan. Participants are provided with an opportunity to practice assembly and administration of the Narcan nasal applicator, and are given two doses of Narcan for emergency use. Operation Medicine Cabinet receptacles are available at each event for participants to dispose of unwanted medication. In 2017 personnel from the Department of Mental Health and Hygiene were also added to give attendees a hopeful view of recovery. In 2017 The Ugly Truth was held in twenty-three school districts and community centers with more than 1500 participants trained in Narcan use. SCPD has worked closely with many school districts to educate and train their staff members in the signs and symptoms of overdose and the use of Narcan as well. More than 5500 community members have been trained in the use of Narcan since the program's inception. This program will continue throughout 2018.

#### **Operation Medicine Cabinet:**

In a continuing effort to address the increase of heroin use among young people and ensure the proper disposal of unwanted or expired medications, the Suffolk County Police Department initiated a permanent, continuous drug reclamation program. The SCPD was



the first police department in New York State to offer the public the option of disposing unwanted pharmaceutical drugs 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Receptacles for unwanted pharmaceutical were installed in the lobby of each of the 7 Precincts.

In addition to collecting unwanted drugs, residents are able to deposit unwanted syringes in sharps containers. Community Liaison and COPE Officers respond to senior citizen meetings as well to assist in properly disposing of unwanted pharmaceuticals to keep them out of the hands of drug seeking individuals and to protect the environment. In 2017, over 8,256 pounds of unwanted pharmaceutical drugs were deposited at the seven police precincts. Since the program's inception in July 2010, over 43,800 pounds of medications have been collected. This program will continue in 2018.

# Police Week 2017

In May of 2017 the Suffolk County Police Department hosted Police Week at Police Headquarters in Yaphank. Community Liaison, COPE and School Resource Officers engaged nearly 3,500 students from elementary through high school over the 4-day event. All participants viewed demonstrations by specialized police personnel such as EVOC emergency driving skills, Emergency Service response to serious traffic accidents, Canine operations, Aviation support, and motorcycle operations.



Static stations displayed information on the different services, investigative skills and equipment provided by the Department. Tours of the Communications Section were given to participants as well, giving them a better understanding of how 911 calls are received and dispatched to officers on the street. High School students were educated in topics such as Distracted Driving and

What To Do When Stopped By the Police. The

high school session is interactive, allowing students to observe and ask questions throughout the program.

In 2017, SCPD partnered with Stony Brook University to provide high school students with education regarding Distracted Driving. University professors and Police Officers provided several stations where students were put through various activities designed to replicate distracted driving and distracted walking situations. By timing students through obstacle courses, driving simulator and

sobriety tests without distraction, then putting them through the courses while texting or wearing impairment goggles, students were able see first-hand the negative effects of distraction whether by texting or use of alcoholic substances upon driving and walking.

# Police Clergy Council

In May of 2017 the Community Relations Bureau hosted the Police/Clergy Council with religious leaders from across Suffolk County to educate them on police procedures and tactics. An extremely important facet of this program is the open dialogue between the police personnel conducting the training and the participants of the program. The Council is open to all interested religious leaders with an extra emphasis given to those from minority communities in order to gain insight into the needs of those communities. Clergy Council members have discussed gang violence, the Heroin Epidemic, Homelessness, Bias Policing and many other topics with high ranking staff members of the Department.

# Women's/Senior's Self Defense

In 2017, SCPD partnered with a local, certified martial arts school to provide basic skills in self-defense to women and senior citizens. Launched in Shirley, Seventh Precinct Community Liaison, COPE and Patrol Officers developed a program to provide safety awareness information and basic maneuvers for women and seniors to perform if victimized. The program was extremely successful allowing participants the opportunity to practice the techniques under the instruction of certified martial arts experts and female officers trained in the techniques as well.



# Language Assistance

The Commanding Officer of the Community Relations Bureau is the Language Access Coordinator (LAC) for the Police Department and is responsible for the

provision of all language assistance services. The LAC, and by extension, the Community Relations Bureau, must create, maintain, update and evaluate all policies and procedures that pertain to rendering language assistance.



# The Language Access Plan

The Community Relations Bureau updated the Language Access Plan (LAP) in late 2017, and also completed translation of the five point "Did You Know" card which highlights an individual's right to language services, advises that requests will not be utilized to inquire about immigration status and provides contact information for Internal Affairs. This five point card has been printed on post cards for distribution at events and informal engagements, and as posters for display in Department facilities and other select locations county-wide. In 2017, the CRB also created a LAP flip guide for Police personnel, providing relevant definitions and step-by-step protocols. The flip guide will be distributed in 2018 during Language Assistance Training.

The CRB also meets with advocates and community groups regularly in order to better serve LEP individuals and to request input regarding the LAP. Additionally, CRB has continued mapping LEP demographics of school districts using ESL statistics in order to identify relevant language populations. CRB also researched language access needs of local hospitals for this project, but the school district data gave a better indication of where LEP populations were concentrated, allowing the Department the ability to utilize its resources in the most effective manner.

The CRB also coordinates the certification of Department Authorized Interpreters, Translators and Bilingual Officers with Language Line Solutions. To date, the Department has certified eight Department Authorized Interpreters and sixty-five certified Bilingual Officers. Community Relations Bureau continues to maintain the Language Assistance Audits of this database are performed to check for Tracking Database. compliance with language assistance protocols. Audits during 2017 continued to show evidence of confusion with the new terminology included in the Language Access Plan. In response, the Language Access Coordinator created a memo book insert which details the pertinent requirements of the LAP when dealing with members of the LEP community. The Memo Book insert will be distributed during language instruction training and VIPER training sessions. The CRB also created a Flow Chart for sector cars which quickly indicates to the officer what they are required to do when interacting with LEP persons. Finally, the Internal Affairs Bureau conducted independent telephone interviews of one hundred ten 911 calls during 2017 which were labeled with an "L" designator. Of those calls, twenty-seven were not within protocol compliance. Twenty-five were referred back to the command for additional oversight and training on the LAP protocols while two became the subject of an Internal Affairs investigations.

# Latino Community Advisory Committee (LCAC) Meetings

Commissioner Timothy Sini and the Department's senior command staff attended meetings with the Latino Community Advisory Committee in January, April and August of 2017. Recurring topics include:

# Language Access

The Department continued its dialogue with advocates regarding the Language Access Plan. In response to their request, SCPD provided Language Line bills for over the phone interpretation service for 2012-2016. The bills included the number of calls made from Department members, number of minutes used, languages requested, and the dollar amount totals. The bills reflect a steady increase in Language Line usage from SCPD Department members since 2014, when the Language Access block was implemented. Advocates were informed of changes to the LAP regarding the use of Certified Bilingual members, now affording them the ability to conduct a monoligual conversation with LEP persons and convey the entire content to the non speaking Department member without the burden of taking over the reporting requirements.

Advocates continue to express concern with officers complying with the LAP requirement to provide meaningful language assistance. SCPD has conducted numerous compliance checks through Internal Affairs Bureau with encouraging results and is confident that ongoing oversight will remedy all deficiencies.

Advocates were provided a template of the 5 point "Did You Know" card and were asked to provide feedback.

## I.C.E. Policy/Gang IdentificationCriteria

The Department's I.C.E Policy and Gang Identification Criteria were recurring themes during each of the three LCAC meetings held in 2017. SCPD maintained that after thoroughly reviewing the policy with the County Attorney's Office that Department's I.C.E Policy is appropriate. The SCPD policy states that Department members will not honor detainers unless specific special circumstances exist, but will continue to execute Homeland Security Administrative and Judicial warrants.

Advocates expressed concern regarding the Department's anti-gang strategies inquiring what safeguards are in place to ensure that youth are not wrongfully accused of gang affiliation. Advocates emphasized their opinion that SCPD arrests individuals merely because they have been affiliated with a gang. One advocate further expressed that he believed law enforcement arbitrarily bases their criteria on a person's immigration status and inuendo of gang affiliation. SCPD maintained that our department's criteria conforms with the FBI's criteria, and that numerous investgative safeguardings are in place to prevent wrongful accusation. SCPD would not disclose the criteria utilized by the Department and other law enforcement agencies to advocates because it would be detrimental to our efforts in identifying gang members. SCPD has a robust policy which includes a multi-pronged strategy in the confirmation of gang membership, looking at all facets of intelligence, suppression, and collaborating with federal partners coupled with gang prevention and intervention to maintain the safety of Suffolk County residents.

The Department has engaged mentoring programs in areas of high gang activity in addition to traditional suppression methods. Advocates were advised of the role of the School Resource Officer and their responsibilites regarding youth interaction and information gathering and reporting. Advocates were further advised of the placement of a second SRO who is assigned to the Brentwood Freshmen Center and Middle Schools. The Department informed the committee of the Brentwood Youth Recovery Initiative which was officially launched in January, 2017. SCPD worked directly with Brentwood School District in identifying youth who have a considerable risk of gang involvement. The Department identified and trained community members and religious leaders as mentors, pairing them with the youth, providing them with a positive role model who met with them on a regular basis.

# Traffic Stop Data

In June, 2017 the Department came to a final agreement with DOJ in regard to the data to be captured in the Traffic Stop collection database. The Department's IT Unit has completed the new platform, begun a pilot program in the Highway Patrol Bureau, and is disemminating a training video for the entire Department.

# <u>Training</u>

The committee requests frequent updates on SCPD training in regard to Language Access, Cultural Proficiency, Implicit Bias Trainng, Procedural Justice and Hate Crimes. The Department has continued the eight (8) hour block of training for Language Access, Hate Crimes and Cultural Proficiency. SCPD advised the committee that we were waiting to be scheduled in the DOJ Train the Trainer for Bias Free Policing and Procedural Justice, but after the funding for the DOJ training was cancelled, the Department sought assistance through the NYPD Police Academy and developed a training block based upon their DOJ approved material. Training began with the latest Recruit Class on February 12, 2018, and continues with In-Service personnel.

# Hate Crimes Against Latino/Hispanic Residents

SCPD provides Hate Crimes statistics to committee members at each meeting. Hate Crimes Section statistics which meet DCJS standards reveal that the majority of reported hate crimes in Suffolk County are religious in nature. At this time current statistics do not show a high number of hate crimes reported to SCPD directed against Hispanic reporters. Committee members frequently suggest that Latino community members have been vicitimized in many instances due to their ethnicity. Advocates attribute the lack of trust that the Latino community has in the Department as having a direct and continued impact on the lack of reporting. Committee members maintain that SCPD must conduct outreach efforts to inform the Latino community of Department procedures, policy and language access.

# Latino Community Engagement

For more than 3 years, SCPD has requested that committee members assist our Department in outreach efforts to the Latino community by introducing our Community Liaison Officers to their groups. SCPD has conducted numerous *Vamos a Hablar* events explaining language assistance opportunities, the importance of reporting crimes, reporting procedures for crimes and police misconduct, definitions hate crime and hate incident, the establishment of a

pattern of behavior directed toward a specific, current scams, what to do when stopped by the police, rights of undocumented residents as witnesses and victims, and many other topics. Other advocacy groups such as Adelante have continued their partnership with SCPD by providing a venue to host informative dialogues between immigrant residents and SCPD Spanish Speaking Officers. This program which the Department has repeatedly stated could be tailored to meet the needs of their particular advocacy clients has not been requested by any of the participating committee advocate groups.

Irma Solis of NYCLU informed the committee of her positive experience working with a Sixth Precinct Community Liaison Officer to provide information to the Comsewogue ENL population. The Department stated that we are very willing to partner with the Latino community on initiatives. SCPD has been investigating the creation of an Immigration Affairs Bureau to marry that partnership, possibly centered within the District Attorney's Office, including public and private partners, Police Department, District Attorney's Office, immigrant advocates, US Attorney, DSS and other stakeholders. SCPD suggested that there is County Executive approval and PD would seek the creation of a work group of public stakeholders while Irma Solis committed to hold small group discussion with

private stakeholders regarding the creation of the best program for Suffolk County.



# **Command Staff Community Meetings Summary**

# Commissioner Timothy D. Sini

Throughout 2017 Commissioner Sini emphasized the importance of community engagement. He eagerly met with community leaders, both formally and informally, inviting them to share their concerns. Commissioner Sini attended more than 150 community meetings and religious services at numerous

churches, synagogues and mosques to get better acquaited with the diverse religious community within Suffolk County.

The Commissioner met with the leadership of several Latino organizations prior to his official appointment and has continued to maintain open communication lines to serve the Latino community's' concerns. In February 2017 Commissioner Sini met with several Latino advocate groups including NYCLU, Make the Road NY, Empire Justice and Latino Justice to discuss the SCPD policy regarding immigration. Commissioner Sini offered provided a forum for the advocates to express their concerns in regard to Homeland Security warrants and the Department's Policy toward execution of such warrants.

Commissioner Sini continued to provide public forums for community members to have transparent conversations regarding Immigration Policy. Due to the number of gang related murders within the jurisdiction, Commissioner Sini and his representatives engaged in numerous community forums to quell community fear for the safety of their children. Further, he tesitfied on the national stage regarding MS 13 gang violence in Suffolk County and requested assistance for immigrant youth who are at risk for gang involvement due to barriers in language, trauma experienced prior to their arrival and many other factors that can be attributed to their victimization.

Commissioner Sini continued to address the ongoing opioid epidemic in Suffolk County throughout 2017. In response to community complaints, annonymous tips through the 852-NARC hotline and other resources, SCPD had a near 200% rise in search warrants executed within the Police District. Commissioner Sini through thoughtful consideration of all avenues recognized that the Department cannot arrest its way out of this epidemic. After the dedication of Asset Forfeiture Funds, the Commissioner launched Preventing Incarceration Via Opportunities for Treatment, P.I.V.O.T., a diversion program partnership between SCPD and Long Island Center for Alcohol and Drug Dependence (LICADD). The program is an innovative solution in prevention and recovery focussing on the diversion of a person(s) from criminality due to substance abuse into appropriate treatment programs instead of the criminal court system. Commissioner Sini has also dedicated a pilot program which incorporates intelligence led policing practices in the identification of candidates who are then referred to Long Island Council of Alcohol and Drug Dependence (LICADD) for intervention and coaching into treatment.

## **Deputy Police Commissioner Risco Mention-Lewis**

In January 2017, Deputy Police Commissioner, Risco Mention Lewis, continued the implementation of Custom Notifications in order to achieve a meaningful reduction in violence. These notifications target individuals engaged in violent behavior and advise them of the potential consequences should they continue that behavior. D/PC Mention-Lewis assisted by Precinct Commanding Officers, Community Liaison Officers and local community leaders conducted 32 Custom Notifications within Suffolk County. Additionally, D/PC Mention-Lewis worked with Probation and the Fifth Precinct Command Staff to conduct Call-Ins of individuals advising them of their currenct status within the criminal justice system, consequences of continued criminal activity and offered resources and contacts for job opportunities and other necessary support to assist them in reducing recidivism.

Deputy Commissioner Mention Lewis continues working with the Council on Thought and Action (COTA) in both Wyandanch and Bellport, and developed an additional program in Riverhead. In response to gang violence in Brentwood, Commissioner Mention-Lewis continued to develop the Brentwood Youth Recovery Initiative, partnering with Brentwood School Administration to identify At-Risk-Youth who may be susceptible to gang recruitment. Mention-Lewis put together a team of mentors, primarily Spanish speaking pastors and community members to work with those identified teens to steer them in positive directions, provide available resources to meet their needs, and provide positive influences to potentially change their behavior. Commissioner Lewis worked throughout 2017 in the identification of more than 25 additional community mentors for the Recovery Initiative. She is dedicated to finding proven methods to replicate in Suffolk County to address the gang violence issues.

Commissioner Mention-Lewis continued to work with the Suffolk County Police Academy on the development of a Bias Free Policing block with Procedural Justice components. The DPC participated in many development meetings with DOJ and NYPD to create a program appropriate for SCPD. Additionally, in 2017 D/PC Mention-Lewis participated in forums with the Muslim community and continued Vamos a Hablar forums with the Latino community educating Muslim and Latino residents in SCPD policy and their appropriate expectations if victimized. The Department will continue to engage these communities providing education and awareness regarding their rights as victims and witnesses.

## **Precinct Command Staff**

Precinct command staff (Inspectors, Deputy Inspectors and Captains) attended approximately two hundred meetings and events with Latino and other minority communities within the police district. These meetings included *Vamos a Hablar*, the Wyandach Initiative, gun violence seminars, Heroes as Helpers, National Nights Out, Community Safety, Ugly Truth presentations, Homeland Security and Terrorism, Media Relations, and a variety of other topics.

# **Precinct Monthly Meetings**



Each Precinct organizes a monthly meeting to actively engage members of the community, address their concerns, and inform them about public safety issues. Meetings are scheduled at the beginning of the year and publicized through the web, social media and postings in local libraries, government buildings and high traffic areas. The meetings are held both at the Precinct buildings and also in large facilities such as libraries or community centers. Below is a breakdown of each Precinct's meetings for 2017.



First Precinct Command Staff, Community Liaison and COPE Officers attended more than one hundred community meetings, and community engagement activities. There were eleven First Precinct Monthly Meetings held where community members are invited to voice their concerns regarding quality of life issues. Additionally, CLO and COPE Officers attend individual community, civic, coalition, neighborhood watch, school administration and many other meetings throughout the First Precinct. CLO and COPE Officers meet with Inspector Lewis and First Precinct Command Staff daily relaying community concerns so they may be addressed in a timely manner.

The following is a summary of some of the issues/complaints that were brought to the attention of PO Butcher or Cope officers – PO Blaskiewicz and PO Torres by community members at monthly community meetings, neighborhood watch or civic association meetings, phone calls or via email:

# **Guns/Shootings:**

Shootings are down 50% in the first precinct for the same period last year. Approximately 41 illegal handguns were taken off the streets.

# Vehicle and Traffic Violations Complaint Locations:

-Stop Sign at Catskill Avenue and 46<sup>th</sup> Street Lindenhurst

-Stop Sign at New York Ave. and N. 8<sup>th</sup> St. Lindenhurst

-Speeding on S/B Straight Path @ Southern State Pkwy W.Babylon

-Speeding on Dixon Ave. east Of Great Neck Rd. Copiague

-Speeding, Stop sign and passing school buses on Herzel Blvd and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W.Babylon.

As a result, the patrol check system was updated and officers from the Community Support Unit and sector car operators were assigned to directed patrol and speed enforcement at those specified locations. Several summonses and arrests were made at these locations.

# Illegal Drug/Firearm Activity Complaint Locations

- 515 Little East Neck Rd. W.Babylon

- 3350 Great Neck Rd. N.Amityville
- 149 E.Santa Barbara Rd. Lindenhurst
- 30 St. Johns Place W.Babylon
- 475 45<sup>th</sup> St. Copiague
- 90 E.Smith St. Amityville
- 81 Arizona Rd. South W.Babylon
- 9 State St. Wyandanch

Investigations were conducted and search warrants were obtained for these locations. Various narcotics, guns and U.S. currency were seized and numerous arrests were made.

#### Quality of Life Issues:

First Precinct Community Officers assisted Copiague Chamber of Commerce with loitering / homeless individuals near the Great Neck Rd. Business District. Officers, Command Staff, Chamber Representative, and the Dept. of Social Services walked the area to address the issue. Area business owners and workers were interviewed, allowing them an opportunity to express their concerns. Patrols were increased in this area. Homeless subjects were guided to shelters and to Our Lady of the Assumption Church.

CLO, COPE and School Resource Officers assisted the Town of Babylon Parks Department with youth problems in Town Parks. Officers toured and reviewed the parklands, walked parkland areas, and interacted with area youth community youth.

On July 22, 2017 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct Officers participated in a "Hoops For Hunger" Basketball Tournament with N. Amityville youth, local officials and community members to collect food for local food pantries and to raise awareness about hunger on Long Island.

On December 06, 2017, COPE, School Resource Officers, and Patrol Officers participated in a Heroes and Helpers holiday shopping event with 20 children from the Wyandanch community. The event was sponsored by Target and each child received a \$50 gift card to spend for the holidays. The officers helped the children pick out items and many shoppers at the store wanted to know how they could donate to such a wonderful program. The children were provided a meal at the school before leaving which was donated by King Kullen Grocery Stores.

The Community Liaison Officer and COPE Officers hosted a Vamos Hablar at Our Lady of The Miraculous Medal and Iglesia Adventista in Wyandach at the request of local religious leaders to do it at the church. Some of the topics discussed were what to do when stopped by the police, we are not immigration police, how to contact police in case of emergency or with concerns/issues, sectors cars that cover Wyandanch area, language access plan, and community surveys etc. We ended the event with a question and answer session.

On 1/11/17 CLO attended the Town of Babylon Partnership Meeting which brings drug prevention agencies, local law enforcement, community leaders, and town/county officials together to talk about what can be done in the fight against heroin and drug abuse. The undersigned suggested putting the list of drug prevention agencies in the property bag of subjects arrested on drug charges. With Inspector Lewis's approval, this is being done at the first precinct.

Throughout 2017, CLO and COPE assisted the Dept. of Social Services, Department of Veterans Affairs and various volunteers to locate the homeless and to offer them services (food and shelter). This is a re-occurring engagement activity to address Homelessness in the First Precinct.

On 05/01/17, the CLO, COPE Officers-PO Blaskiewicz and PO Torres and SRO's hosted 100 children ages 6-13 at the Wyandanch Park in Wyandanch for a 12 week spring soccer clinic. Wyandanch High School soccer players served as volunteer junior coaches.

Officer Butcher organized and hosted the "Ugly Truth" program at Lindenhurst High School on 01/30/17, Wyandanch Library on 03/13/17 and Deer Park High School on 05/15/17. The program shows parents how to recognize heroin and prescription drug abuse among teenagers and what actions they can and should take. Drug treatment professionals from 12 agencies were on hand to give information and well as Dr Caplan and Dr Coyne. SCPD EMT's provided Narcan training and supplied trainees with Narcan to take with them after training. COPE unit and precinct SROs' participated to make program successful.



Second Precinct Command Staff, Community Liaison and COPE Officers attended more than one hundred community meetings, and community engagement activities. There were eleven (11) Second Precinct Monthly Meetings held where community members are invited to voice their concerns regarding quality of life issues. Additionally, CLO and COPE Officers attend individual community, civic, coalition, neighborhood watch, school administration and many other meetings within the Second Precinct. CLO and COPE Officers meet with Inspector Hatton and Second Precinct Command Staff daily relaying community concerns so they may be addressed in a timely manner.

# Vehicle and Traffic violations:

- Tractor trailers and other commercial vehicles traveling on Larkfield Road South of Jericho Turnpike in a no commercial zone
- Speeding at the intersection of Pidgeon Hill Rd, Wolf Hill Rd and Old Country Rd near St. Anthony's H.S.
- Complaints of tractor trailers taking short cut down E2nd St to Lenox Rd which is a one way residential street
- Commercial vehicle traffic on W. 18th St. between N.Y. Ave. and West Hills Rd.
- Speeding on Bellerose Ave. East of Larkfield Road
- Complaint of vehicles speeding in the area of Depot Rd and Lynch St, Huntington Station causing motor vehicle crashes

As a result, the patrol check system was updated and officers from Community Support Unit and sector car operators were assigned to directed patrol and speed enforcement at those specified locations. There have been several traffic stops, summonses and arrests made at these locations. The speed sign was deployed at a few of the high speed locations in response to the community complaints.

# Illegal Drug Activity and an increase of Heroin overdose:

- Drug dealing activity in the area of Brompton Place, Huntington Station
- Suspicious drug activity at 48 Wyoming Drive and 10 Gaylore Street in Huntington

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In response to illegal drug activity, patrol checks and enforcement efforts were and are being increase by the community support unit. In community meetings, the community members wanted to address the ongoing drug problem and heroin epidemic in their neighborhood. As a result, SCPD worked with local officials, schools, and community groups to conduct numerous drug awareness and prevention presentations called "The Ugly Truth" in which hundreds of community members were educated and trained in the signs and symptoms of an Opiate overdose. Additionally Narcan was distributed to the community members present at the training.

# Quality of Life Concerns:

- Issues of illegal gambling and illegal sale and consumption of alcohol at Chicquito Deli in Huntington Station
- Increase in gangs in Huntington
- Massage parlors performing illegal massages and prostitution
- Complaints of homeless individuals in area of Huntington Library and 7 Eleven on New York Ave and Depot Road
- Questions were raised regarding housing issues, code enforcement, abandoned homes and town ordinance changes
- Concerns of public intoxication and loitering
- Concerns and questions regarding electronic cigarettes/vaping and selling to underage youth
- Loud parties and underage drinking
- Petit Larcenies out of vehicles

In response to community complaints, Suffolk County Police Second Precinct Crime Section officers, Suffolk County Police Second Squad detectives, Suffolk County Police Criminal Intelligence detectives, and Town of Huntington Code Enforcement officers conducted an investigation into illegal activities at multiple massage parlors.

Multiple arrests were made at Foot Spa on New York Ave, Lucky Seven Spa on West Jericho Turnpike, Ruby Spa on East Jericho Turnpike, and The Spa on Larkfield Road all in the confines of the Town of Huntington.

In response to community complaints of Hispanic community members drinking alcoholic beverages and urinating in public, Officer Delgado and Officer Fiorillo have conducted numerous Vamos A Hablar/Let's Talk presentation to the Hispanic community. The Vamos A Hablar presentations is a program that was created by the Suffolk County Police Department and piloted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> precinct to bridge the gap with the Hispanic community and enhance community relations. The key topic that was discussed is that we the Suffolk County Police Department are not immigration officers and do not need to know their immigration status to offer them services. We reminded them that all individuals in Suffolk County whether documented or not will still receive police services and

asked them to please call us for assistance. We also educated them on the NYS penal Law, their rights, and resources available to them.

The importance of carrying identification, the rights they have as a tenant, and how the Suffolk County Police Dept. has a language Access Plan in place to assist with language barriers.

Additional response to complaints of public urination and consumption of alcoholic beverages in public were addressed by increased enforcement efforts by the community response unit. Numerous summonses and arrests were made in the area of Fairgrounds Ave and Depot Road Huntington Station.

Monthly community meetings which take place in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pct and the South Huntington public library are conducted by the command staff to inform the community of incidents that occurred in the precinct in the prior month. Special guests are invited to educate the public on different units in the police department or topics that may help them better understand SCPD procedures. In February Detective Goody came and discussed an overview of Criminal Intelligence Unit and intelligence led policing. He discussed how they develop and disseminate crime patterns. Also how every Precinct has and field intelligence officer and the structure of our online debriefing system. He also discussed how resources are allocated for targeted enforcement and emphasized how increased information has helped us deter crime.

Community members also are educated by officers regularly in different forums on how to help reduce crime by being observant and vigilant in their everyday life. Officers explain to the community what "suspicious behavior" might looks like, the information they need to gather in order to make an effective police report, small changes they can make to their property that can enhance visibility from the street, and the value of getting to know their neighbors. Also to make sure to keep vehicles locked at all times and valuables out of sight.

During a handful of the community meeting many residents raised concerns of homeless individuals in the town. As a result the 2<sup>nd</sup> pct. CLO and COPE in collaboration with the department of social services (DSS) now conduct a minimum of two homeless outreach events a month. Officers from the precinct along with DSS and the family service league conducted outreach in which homeless individuals were identified and resources were provided to them.

In response to the many complaints of overcrowded housing issues and zoning violations Inspector Hatton and 2<sup>nd</sup> precinct COPE officers meet with Town Of Huntington Council members, public safety, and the town zoning and ordinance inspectors regularly to discuss further action by the town. Community members

were also directed to the proper individuals in the town to answer any questions related to illegal housing.

Second Precinct Crime Section officers conducted an underage alcohol sting operation of businesses in the Town of Huntington. Some of the businesses were chosen in response to community complaints while others were randomly selected. Crime section will also be conducting similar operations in regards to illegal sales of electronic cigarettes to minor.

# Concerns of gang members within the Town of Huntington Schools:

On a regular basis the SRO visits schools he is assigned to and meets with the administrators and or security officers to discuss any incidents that occurred in the community that could affected the school atmosphere and vice versa.

Every other month COPE/CLO/SRO Officers meet with the Town of Huntington Gang Prevention Task Force to discuss incidents that occurred in the community. Officers attend to share information and obtain intelligence of individuals that might be committing crimes and or becoming involved in Gang life. Said officers will then have and intervention with identified individuals in hopes of steering them away from Gangs and having them make better decisions in life.

# Community Related Engagement:

Operation Medicine Cabinet- Officers provide a way for community members to clean out your medicine cabinet and safely dispose of expired or unwanted prescription drugs, keeping our seniors, kids, pets, and the environment safe. 2<sup>nd</sup> Pct. Officers go to senior centers, fire departments and public libraries regularly to conduct operation medicine cabinet events.

National Night Out- A yearly event to benefit community-police relationship and crime awareness was hosted on August 1st, 2017 with nearly 800 attendees. Vendors included local restaurants, businesses and non for profit agencies with multiple resources to offer the community. COPE, CLO, Police Explorers and Command Staff all participated in this.

PAL Fishing- In the months of July and August we hosted PAL sponsored fishing trips where we invited to 50 at-risk youth from the Tri Community and Youth agency and the South Huntington School District Mentoring Program to participate. 2<sup>nd</sup> precinct officers cooked hot dogs and gave out snacks for lunch while out on the boat.

Huntington Opportunity Resource Center Meetings – A monthly meeting hosted by community leader Dolores Thompson and attended by numerous local community organizations and community members. During these meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pct. Command Staff addresses community complaints and concerns. Officers and community members also provide information regarding upcoming events in the community.

Heroes and Helpers- This event is hosted by our local Target. This event provides an opportunity for 30 underprivileged children to purchase gifts for the holidays through a Target Grant. Underprivileged youth and/or families in crisis were provided gift cards and were given opportunity to do holiday shopping hand in hand with police officers. The shopping experience was followed by a pizza party.

3 on 3 Coral Park Basketball Tournament – Officers interacted with youth and members of community during this yearly event which is a collaboration between the Suffolk County Police Department, the Town of Huntington, and Legislator Spencer. Local businesses also participated by providing drinks and lunch.

Summer Camps- Officers interacted daily with youth at Project Play Camp and St. Johns Camp. A kickball game between camp counselors and 2<sup>nd</sup> Pct command staff and Community Relations Bureau Officers was the highlight of the summer. Bikes for kids in America donated bicycles and multiple giveaways.



Third Precinct Command Staff, Community Liaison and COPE Officers attended more than one hundred community meetings, and community engagement activities. There were eleven Third Precinct Monthly Meetings held where community members are invited to voice their concerns regarding quality of life issues. Additionally, CLO and COPE Officers attend individual community, civic, coalition, neighborhood watch, school administration and many other meetings within the Third Precinct. CLO and COPE Officers meet with Inspector Waring and Third Precinct Command Staff daily relaying community concerns so they may be addressed in a timely manner.

# Gang Activity/ Gang Violence

# Combating MS-13/ Gang Activity within 3rd Precinct:

- Special Gang Task Force is responsible for over a thousand arrests and hundreds of summonses. The debriefs have led to valuable intelligence.
- Intel has led to identifying over 300+ gang members
- Firearms Suppression Team and 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Gang Team have conducted numerous patrols throughout the confines of the 3rd Pct. and countywide
- Working in collaboration with F.B.I, Homeland security, and Joint Gang Task Force with Nassau County has led to the arrest of a Quadruple Homicide in Central Islip involving MS-13 gang members.
- Numerous Gang Awareness Presentations in schools throughout the Precinct. Ranging from elementary to high school levels.
- Gang Awareness Presentations to School Administration staff to help identify possible gang activity within the schools.
- School Resource Officers/COPE/CLO/CSU patrolling school areas during arrival & dismissal at Brentwood/ Central Islip school.

# **COMMUNITY MEETINGS:**

**Third Precinct Monthly community meeting:** Provides a forum for interaction with members of the various communities the precinct serves. Community members are informed of topics, concerns and recent trends within their communities. 11 meetings were held in the Third Precinct from January to December 2017.

## Quality of Life Issues:

*Mi Encanto Restaurant* - 65 Carleton Ave., Central Islip. Numerous complaints at location about possible gang activity, drug dealing and possible prostitution. 3rd Precinct Crime Section officers, gang task force along with 3rd Precinct COPE & Town officials conducted several State Liquor Authority inspections. These checks resulted in numerous summonses and arrests. The location was entered into the Patrol Check system ensuring more frequent checks by patrol units, as well as Gang, COPE, and CSU units. It has resulted in producing numerous arrests and summonses being issued in the area. During an altercation at the location, officers arrested a subject for possessing a firearm.

1st Ave & Brentwood Rd. - This area received many community complaints for drug dealing/ use, alcohol drinking in public and suspicious activity. It was added to the Patrol Check system resulting in numerous summonses and arrests at the location. In collaboration with the Town of Islip and the MTA Police, the area was cleared of overgrown shrubbery which provided cover for illegal activities that is of concern to community members and the 3rd Precinct. In addition, a significant amount of debris was removed to improve the quality of life at the location.

Suffolk Avenue & Church St. - Numerous community complaints of prostitution, alcohol drinking, urinating in public and other suspicious activities. The location was entered into the Patrol Check system. Numerous arrests were made for prostitution at the location as a result of great work being done by members of Crime Section, CSU, Patrol and COPE Units.

Heyward St & Washington Ave. - Community concerns of drinking and urinating in public as well as homeless individuals sleeping behind the shopping center. The CSU Unit, CLO along with the command staff went to the location where the homeless individuals were setting up camp and met with the manager of Fine Fare Supermarket. The rear loading are of the supermarket was cleared of dumped mattress and soiled blankets. The location was entered into the Patrol Check system and had been monitored.

Lowell Ave/ E. Cypress St. Central Islip (4 corners Deli) - The location was entered into the Patrol Check system. A store owner reported suspected drug dealing near the deli. Numerous arrests and summonses issued by patrol and CSU, Gang Unit, Gang Task Force in the area.

Town of Islip: CSU, COPE, and CLO all worked together with the Town of Islip on community complaints of unsecured abandoned homes, squatters in vacant homes and graffiti on various properties. Many of these complaints also involved possible drug/gang activity and noise disturbances. All the homes and locations brought to the attention of the 3rd Precinct and the Town Of Islip were investigated and actions were taken to secure and/or correct the problem. Numerous Town summonses were issued. Some of the locations included:

• 18 John St, Bay Shore (gang/drugs)

- 62 Washington Ave, Brentwood
- 220 Ackerman St, Central Islip (abandoned)
- 45 Redington St. Bay Shore (nosie/ gang)
- 45 Degnon Blvd, Bay Shore (drug activity)
- 35 Monroe Ave, Brentwood (drugs)
- 128 Cocoanut St, Brentwood (abandoned/ possible MS-13)
- 8 Birch St, Central Islip (prostitution/ drugs)
- 506 Arthur Street, Brentwood (drug activity)
- 486 Lincoln Ave, Brentwood (abandoned)

## **Other Community Meetings:**

*Bay Shore Chamber of Commerce:* The Chamber of Commerce of Greater Bay Shore is a community organization endeavoring to undertake programs and projects designed to improve and preserve the best interest and welfare of the total community. Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of every other month at 7 p.m. at the Bay Shore-Brightwaters Library.

*Central Islip Civic Council:* To improve the quality of life for all residents of Central Islip. Our emphasis is to increase the economic status of our community by providing services of personal and community growth opportunities. Meetings happen once a month. The Third Precinct attends to inform community on recent trends and to hear community concerns.

*Community Leadership Council-* A community based initiative led by Legislator Monica Martinez and the EOC of Suffolk. Put in place to continue to build upon community projects to enhance its residents.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

**Ugly Truth** - a heroin and prescription drug education and awareness program presented by Suffolk County Police Department Community Relations Bureau, Suffolk County Medical Examiner's Office, Suffolk County Office of Mental Health and Hygiene and the Suffolk County Police Academy's E.M.T.U. Presentations done held in W. Islip, Central Islip and Brentwood Libraries.

**Skyzone**, (Deer Park) - Skyzone is a trampoline park that hosts monthly Police Unity night for two hours. At these events, the entrance fee is reduced as families come to interact with COPE/CLO and other officers while enjoying a night of play/jumping. This collaboration was put forth to build a bridge between the community and the police to foster positive interaction.

**5th Grade Homework Challenge** – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct challenged all the 5th graders at Southeast Elementary School and Northeast elementary school in Brentwood. The challenge was to complete all the school years homework and 4 assignments giving to them by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Pct. CLO and Detective Charlie Ross. Every student who accomplished

this task was taken to Skyzone for a free Sky Zone Pizza Party. Over 120 students complete the challenge in 2017.

**"Vamos Hablar"-** A program put in place to strengthen relationships between the community and the police. Bilingual officers relay police policies and ensure community members that the police are here for them regardless of language or country of origin. These forums enabled many community members to engage in an open dialogue with police officers. The 3rd Precinct held 6 "Vamos Hablar" presentations throughout 2017 at various locations. Some of the presentations were held at Senior Centers and churches during to Sunday Mass.

**CARECEN** – "CARECEN" empowers Central Americans and other immigrants by defending human and civil rights, working for social and economic justice and promoting cultural diversity. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Command Staff, COPE Officers and CLO officer held a "Vamos Hablar" presentation with CARECEN'S adult English class members. This is a growing partnership with this organization. The 3rd Precinct strives to maintain a positive relationship with the administrative staff by maintain continual open dialogue.

**LILTA** Men's Conference at Stony Brook University - The 3rd Precinct CLO, Eiffel Ramirez, was a panelist at the 2017 Annual Men's Conference. The organization is committed to increasing graduation rates and higher education enrollment, retention, and completion.

**LILTA** Women's Conference at Stony Brook University – D/Inspector Soto participated as a panelist at the 2017 "Women Leaders Paving Paths for Young Women". The organization is committed to increasing graduation rates and higher education enrollment, retention, and completion.

**Lighthouse Mission** – This organization supplies a mobile food pantry that conducts outreach in the Central Islip area. At these locations, COPE officers and CLO are able to engage with homeless individuals while offering them resources in the community. The Lighthouse Mission also does a wonderful Turkey giveaway during the Thanksgiving season in which the Command Staff, COPE & CLO officers also participate in.

*Car Seat event -* Officers partnered with EAC (community outreach organization) to provide certified car seat installations for local residents. Attendees that had inadequate car seats were given new ones free of cost via EAC. Families in need, multi-ethnic, from various neighborhoods were invited to attend. COPE & CLO officers participated.

**Heroes and Helpers (***Target Store in Bay Shore***)** - Community collaboration between Target and 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct COPE & CLO officers provide an opportunity for underprivileged children to purchase gifts for the holidays through donations. Underprivileged youth and/or families in crisis were provided gift cards and were given opportunity to do holiday shopping with SCPD officers in Target, Bay Shore. Target staff, 3rd Precinct Explorers,

and above uniform personnel did assist and interact in a positive manner with attendees/families during shopping event held in December.

**Gang Awareness Presentation** - (at the Brentwood Freshman Center, Brentwood Middle Schools and Central Islip Middle schools) Officers discussed those variables that contribute to individuals wanting to join a gang, risk factors and propensity for violence, and alternative ways for a student to spend his/her time and be connected to a positive group. Students compared and contrasted cultural differences that exist between their home country and the US. Additionally, did reinforce resources available through the school district, police department and community that provide support for teens/students. Many of these presentations were done for ENL classes in Spanish.

*Homeless Outreach with Department of Social Services* - With representatives of DSS, the objective was to successfully make contact and provide options for housing and general assistance to those in need at various known homeless gathering locations. Officers in collaboration with Suffolk County DSS performed homeless outreach in the known 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct homeless areas. Successful contacts made with multiple apparent homeless subjects. Multiple subjects appeared to be receptive to options and assistance that were offered. This outreach was done monthly with DSS representative Angela Miller.

**Operation Medicine Cabinet:** Monthly Community Outreach - unused medicine is collected from seniors and other members of the public then brought to Property Bureau for proper disposal.

**Operation Safeguard Visits**: Visits to multiple religious institutions were made in an effort to to bring security awareness during the holiday season. Additionally, patrol checks were made of transportation hubs including train stations as a result of the bombing in New York City subway stations.

*Third Precinct Explorers Program:* Suffolk County Police Explorers program teaches life lesson as well as career and leadership development. The program is open to boys and girls between the ages of 13-20. The purpose of the Explorer program is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature, make proper decisions, and become responsible adults. In 2017, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Explorers volunteered and participated in many events including marching in the Bay Shore St. Patrick's Day Parade. They participated in "Operation Clean Streets" in Brentwood & Central Islip where the youths helped to clean up several neighborhoods. The Explorers were an integral part of the "Heroes and Helpers" event and the "Christmas Giveaway" event sponsored by the Family Services League. The Police Reserves recognized one of our explorers for his

commitment and excellent work he does in the community. The Brentwood Library hosted a Hispanic Heritage Month celebration. Our Explorer participated in the event and manned an information desk. They also received CPR & AED training through the Red Cross of America.

*Jibaritos with Troops-* Due to the devastating hurricane that struck Puerto Rico, 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Deputy Inspector Soto, COPE officers and CLO officer assisted a group consisting of active military personnel and good Samaritans. This group helped organize the collection of food and items that were shipped to Puerto Rico. In addition to sending items to Puerto Rico, Jibaritos with Troops collected food, supplies, and gifts/toys for displaced Puerto Rican families now staying with loved ones in the Bay Shore, Brentwood, and Central Islip area. On a Sunday afternoon in early December, the above listed officers along with D.I. Soto accompanied members of the group, including Santa Claus, in visiting seven families to bring much need relief and hope during the holiday season.

**St. Anne's Church Mass** - Deputy Inspector Soto along with COPE officers and the CLO officer attended Spanish mass and toward the end of mass D.I. Soto addressed the crowd of nearly one thousand community members. She assured them that the police are here to serve everyone in the community and not to be afraid to seek police assistance when needed.

*Career Days* - COPE officers and CLO officer participated in career days for Bay Shore High school, E. Islip High Schools, and MDQ Academy in Brentwood.

**Hispanic Heritage Month-** Officers Ramirez, Wright & Rivera were recognized and honored during Hispanic Heritage Month by Legislator Monica Martinez. They were recognized for all their efforts and responsiveness to the communities' concerns. They approach the work they do with integrity and respect for others. The event was attended by Police Commissioner Timothy Sini and Deputy Inspector Soto.

**LOCK IT OR LOSE IT CAMPAIGN** - Lock It or Lose It campaign. Above officers distributed flyers to be posted at all 7-elevens in the 3rd Precinct vicinity as well as frequently visited shopping centers. Flyer was also posted on social media to alert community members not to leave their vehicle unlocked and not to leave their unattended vehicle running in an effort to prevent the vehicle from being stolen.

**Boy/Girl Scout tours -** *Precinct Tours:* CLO and COPE officers provided an interactive tour which gave numerous young boys/girls and their parents a look at the inner workings of a Police Precinct.

**Boy/ Girl Scout Presentations -** CLO and COPE officers conducted a presentation on bullying and social media safety presentations to troops.

**Cooking Classes -** COPE/SRO/CLO & PAL officers in partnership with several middle schools provided cooking classes for students. The collaboration of SCPD officers and volunteer professional chefs, showed students how to prepare simple healthy meals as an alternative to junk/fast food. West Middle, South Middle, East Middle as well as the Freshman Center in Brentwood participated in the cooking classes this past year. All events were coordinated by School Resources Officer Politis and School Administrators.

**Coffee with a Cop – "**Coffee with a Cop" brings police officers and community members together – over coffee – to discuss issues and learn more about each other. These events were held in Bay Shore, Brentwood and Central Islip with plans of expanding the program to other communities in the future. The event was attended by command staff.

**Family Movie Night** – "Family Movie Night" is a collaboration between SCPD and the Brentwood Public Library. Once a month we invite all community members for a night of fun and to watch a newly released family movie. Here, the community can interact with COPE/CLO officers prior to and after the movie in an effort to continuously build bridges with the community which is of extreme importance to SCPD. Family Movie Nights were also held at the Central Islip Library, West Islip Library and Southeast Elementary School.

**Hope Day** - Its mission is empowering and uniting churches to reach, engage, serve, and transform their communities. This year we participated in two locations for Hope Day (Brentwood, Central Islip). This day is a great day to engage with the community members both young and old as well as various religious denominations to come together in unity. The event was attended by CLO & COPE officers.

*Teatro Yerbabruja Puerto Rican/ Hispanic Day Parade -* The 51st Annual Puerto Rican/ Hispanic Day parade up 5th Ave. in Brentwood is a historic parade in the community which bringing those in this diverse community to celebrate Latino culture, music, and food together. This large event was attended by thousands coming from all parts of Long Island. This event was attended by the Precinct Command Staff and Chief Robert Brown.

**4th Annual Salsa Festival on Suffolk Avenue -** this event is now one of the largest attended free music events on Long Island. This event attracts large crowds to view some of the best known musical acts throughout the world; particularly in Latino and Latin American communities. COPE, CLO and CSU officers participated in this event.

**National Night Out in Brentwood -** National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, heighten crime and drug prevention awareness and make communities a more caring place to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. Attended by Command staff, Police Commissioner, COPE & CLO officers.

*Trunk or Treat with Legislator Monica Martinez* - Legislator Martinez joined colleagues, friends and members of the community in Brentwood for the annual Trunk or Treat event. The purpose of the Trunk or Treat event is to keep young people involved in the local community by providing positive, family-friendly activities and to promote drug free lifestyles. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct attended and participated in "Trunk or Treat" to interact with all the "trick or treaters" and community members.

**Open Pick-up Basketball game at Brentwood High school -** Several members of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Patrol, CSU, SRO, COPE/CLO as well as Inspector Waring participated in a pick-up basketball game at Brentwood High School with High School students. This is another way to build bridges with our younger community members in a positive setting. The students really enjoyed seeing the officers in a different light and sparked positive conversation. This event was coordinated by School Resource Officer Politis.

**Neighborhood Watch programs -** Neighborhood Watch is one of the oldest and most effective crime prevention programs in the country, bringing citizens together with law enforcement to deter crime and make our communities safer. The idea behind a neighborhood watch is to educate private citizens on how to recognize and report suspicious activities while promoting better community relations. NW members serve as extra eyes and ears for the police and channel information between neighborhood Watch works because it reduces opportunities for crime to occur. We currently have NW programs In Brentwood, Central Islip, West Islip, Islip, and Bay Shore. COPE officers work closely with all the NW captains and have an open line of communication.

**NAACP Backpack Giveaway** - Hundreds of families attended the increasingly popular NAACP sponsored "Back-pack Giveaway" which provided backpacks filled with school supplies to students at the beginning of the new school. Families, school board members, school officials, law enforcement and dozens of service organizations from across the Central Islip, Brentwood, Bay Shore and neighboring communities participated in this event. Attended by COPE/CLO & SCPD Police Commissioner Sini.

**Feed The Need Thanksgiving Day -** Feed the need is a volunteer group of community leaders that came together to help with our homeless and low income families. They provide a hot meal, blankets, coats, socks, and toiletries and information on where to go for resources during this holiday season. The 3rd Pct Explorers Volunteered. Attended by Command staff, COPE & CLO officers.

*Turkeys for Veterans* – In collaboration with the owner of KBG Logistics, 9-1-1 Veterans, and SCPD officers, bags of food were distributed to military veterans. All the fixings for a Thanksgiving meal were provided. The event was attended by Deputy Inspector Soto, COPE and CLO officers.



Fourth Precinct Command Staff, Community Liaison and COPE Officers attended more than one hundred community meetings, and community engagement activities. There were eleven Fourth Precinct Monthly Meetings held where community members are invited to voice their concerns regarding quality of life issues. Additionally, CLO and COPE Officers attend individual community, civic, coalition, neighborhood watch, school administration and many other meetings within the Fourth Precinct. CLO and COPE Officers meet with Inspector Jantzen and Fourth Precinct Command Staff daily relaying community concerns so they may be addressed in a timely manner.

# Vehicle and Traffic Violations:

Vehicle and Traffic issues are top priority in the Fourth Precinct and comprise a large number of concerns raised by community members in the monthly meeting as well as local community meetings. The following locations are frequently identified by concerned persons:

-Speeding at School Street and Carl Street, Ronkonkoma

-Speeding at Rt.111 and Darling Avenue, Smithtown

-Speeding at Lake Avenue and Pine Street, Saint James

-Speeding in front of 273 Bread and Cheese Hollow Road, Fort Salonga

-Speeding at Indian Head Road and Cortes Lane, King Park

In response to the expressed safety concerns of the community, the above and other locations, which include School Zone violations, are entered into the patrol check system which is continuously updated. CSU and Patrol operators are directed to patrol and enforce speed and compliance at these locations. The Speed/Smart Signs are also utilized in these areas in addition to being continuously rotated among school zones within the Fourth Precinct.

# Illegal Drug Activity:

Community tipsters and anonymous complaints are frequently received reference the below locations. Investigations were initiated which resulted in

search warrants leading to Felony Drugs, Larceny, Prostitution and Assault 1<sup>st</sup> arrests.

- -43 Lafayette Avenue Lake Grove
  - -319 Johnson Avenue Ronkonkoma
  - -10 Charles Court Ronkonkoma
  - -40 Holiday Park Drive Hauppauge
  - -729 Hawkins Road Ronkonkoma
  - -819 Townline Road Hauppauge
  - -110 Avalon Circle Smithtown
  - -89 Wichard Boulevard Commack
  - -187 Magua Street Ronkonkoma

#### Quality of life issues:

Community members raised issues at local community meetings in regard to businesses selling alcohol and tobacco products to minors in the Fourth Precinct. Additionally, complaints of illegal massage parlors were made. In response, the following initiatives were conducted:

Precinct Crime Section and CSU Officers conducted SLA inspections and stings in Kings Park a BP Gas Station at 94 Pulaski Road and a Speedway at 152 East Northport Road. Both locations had store employees charged with Unlawfully Dealing with a Minor 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, in that they sold alcohol to a minor.

Five employees of Vape shops located in Kings Park, Saint James, Centereach and Ronkonkoma were charged with violating the Suffolk County Code Regulating the sale of E Cigarettes, for selling Vape products to persons under the age of 21.

Eight arrests were made at massage parlors in Ronkonkoma, Nesconset and Saint James.

#### **Community Outreach/Engagement:**

Joy Ferrara, an Assistant Principal of Hauppauge High School runs a Youth and Community Alliance Committee, during the school day at Hauppauge HS. SRO's Dono and Steinmueller with COPE Officers McQuade and McNulty and CLO Laveglia regularly attend monthly meetings where students and community members discuss and resolve issues the students face both in and out of school. Smithtown Youth Bureau sponsors the Youth and Community Alliance of Smithtown, which is a similar program. COPE, SRO and the 4<sup>th</sup> CLO have been involved with attending meetings, participating in planning committees and events such as "Sticker Shock" programs.

Communities of Solutions is a committee made up of Police Officers, community advocates, Drug Treatment programs and facilities, Hospital staff and is sponsored by and held at The Suffolk County Department of Mental Health and Hygiene that works on providing resources and education to the public to combat Substance Abuse and Addiction. COPE, CLO and SRO's from the 4<sup>th</sup> attend monthly meetings.

CLO Laveglia has organized, attended and/or assisted with six "Ugly Truth" Events throughout Suffolk County with Officers from COPE and CRB as well as in service EMT's, at various locations such as schools, businesses and Libraries for businesses, schools and community civic organizations. The program gives community members information on how to identify drug use, signs and symptoms to look for and how to take action if you feel someone they know is drug involved. Resources provided at these events include Narcan Training and Drug Treatment Professionals on hand to provide information.

PO Laveglia, PO McNulty and PO McQuade have been attending and assisting both the Ronkonkoma and Saint James Civic Associations with their monthly meetings, providing information on topics such as Nixle, Neighborhood watch programs, 852-cops, 852-narc hotline, SCPD Explorer program, updates on community concerns, and crime in the area as well as prevention tips. They have also assisted in Movie Night Events sponsored by the Ronkonkoma Civic Association.

PO McNulty and PO McQuade went out on numerous occasions throughout the year with Bill Polumbo and Angela Miller of The Department of Social Services to locate the homeless and offer any assistance such as emergency housing, food and clothing.

PO McNulty did four presentations on Safe Driving for the Smithtown School District, for both Smithtown West and East High Schools. The safe driving presentation is a requirement for students to get a parking pass for the student parking lot.

On 12/6/17 CLO Laveglia, with COPE, CSU, and Target employees participated in a Heros and Helpers Holiday Shopping Event 15 children

from the community who have been dealing with a parent who is undergoing various stages of cancer treatment were treated to a night of holiday shopping each child was given a \$50 gift card to spend and the officers helped them pick out items, then they all shared a meal and spent some time together.

On 8/1/17 CLO Laveglia organized the 4<sup>th</sup> Precinct's National Night Out at Target in Commack. The event was very successful with Commack Fire Department and EMS participating, food and drinks were donated by Target, and Moe's restaurant. COPE, CSU and SRO officers participated.

Community Housing Innovations, which is located at 450 Moreland Road in Commack, had a rise in domestic violence issues in late 2016 and early 2017. To address the issues, CLO Laveglia and PO McNulty partnered with LICADD to provide education and awareness to the residents. The presentation included topics such as the domestic violence hotline, court advocacy services and conflict resolution. On 9/19/17 COPE officers participated in a backpack and school supply giveaway at the same location, for about one hundred participants. Walmart donated the supplies and assisted in the distribution.

Throughout the year CLO Laveglia and COPE officers participated in Senior Safety Presentations at Sienna Village Senior Living facility, the Suffolk JCC, The Commack Public Library and For the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Operation Medicine cabinet, medicine take back was also offered at these events.

On four occasions CLO Laveglia, COPE officers, CSU officers and SRO's interacted with local shoppers in a casual meet and greet, "Coffee With A Cop." The adults and children have the opportunity to discuss community concerns and interact in an informal setting. We also hosted one of these events at Target in Commack.

Throughout the school year, Fourth Precinct School Resource Officers, Cope Officers, and the CLO Officer conducted numerous Safety and Educational presentations, Safety Drills, Career Day seminars, Bicycle Safety Lectures, and Car Seat Events. Specific events are as follows:

On 1/11/17, CLO, COPE, and SRO's, and Highway Patrol Officers conducted a DWI/SADD educational presentation for Kings Park High School Students utilizing DWI goggles, an obstacle course, and a trike for demonstrational purposes.

SRO Officers Dono and Steinmueller attended monthly High School Zone Principal Meetings with Fourth and Second Precinct High School Principals to discuss current school events and trends affecting the educational climate.

SRO's, CLO, and Cope officers conducted Career Day Symposiums at Bretton Woods Elementary School, Hauppauge High School, and Commack High School.

PO's Laveglia, McNulty, and McQuade conducted a Cyber Safety Presentation at Commack High School and Commack Middle School.

On 03/02/17, 07/18/17, 08/15/17, 08/21/17, 08/23/17, SRO's and COPE celebrated Read Across America Day emphasizing the importance of reading. Officers conducted safety presentations to students and area youth at Children's Choice Preschool, Smithtown Kindercare Learning Center, Montessori Academy, Sport time Summer camp, Child Time, and the Smithtown Public Library.

On 04/25/17, SROs, COPE, and the Smithtown Fire Marshall conducted a safety lecture on the legal ramifications and safety hazards of youths congregating at the Kings Park Psychiatric Center.

On 06/22/17, CLO Laveglia and COPE Officer McNulty addressed students at the Cleary School for the Deaf on the aspects of police work and emergency topics

On 06/27/17, CLO, COPE, and SRO Officers conducted a Bike Safety Rally at Target which consisted of individual Bike safety checks, fingerprinting, and a bike rodeo.

On 07/19/17, CLO, COPE, and SRO officers conducted a car seat Installation event in conjunction with and located at Target.

PO Gourlay and PO Dono worked with the 4<sup>th</sup> Precinct Explorers throughout the year and assisted with events such as Color Guard duties for various legislative events, preparation and break down for the SCPD Historic Society picnic as well as participated in local and National Youth Academies



In 2017, the Fifth Precinct worked diligently toward their goal of crime suppression while engaging the community in a positive manner. Fifth Precinct Command Staff, Community Liaison and COPE Officers attended more than one hundred community meetings, and community engagement activities. There were eleven Fifth Precinct Monthly Meetings held where community members are invited to voice their concerns regarding quality of life issues. Additionally, CLO and COPE Officers attend individual community, civic, coalition, neighborhood watch, school administration and many other meetings within the Fifth Precinct. CLO and COPE Officers meet with Inspector Silva and Fifth Precinct Command Staff daily relaying community concerns so they may be addressed in a timely manner.

## **Custom Notifications/Call-Ins:**

A call-in of individuals convicted of serious offenses was conducted during in December 2017. Inspector Silva addressed 15 parolees identified as being associated with gun violence and warned them of the potential ramifications of continuing along the same path. A presentation was made to the attendees in an effort to communicate the concerns of law enforcement and the community. Suffolk County Police Department officials along with community members, met face-to-face with the group to discuss the consequences and potential jail terms that they would face for crimes should they engage in further gun violence. Most significantly, the group was advised of and offered resources that could help them to circumvent a life of crime.

## **Quality of Life Issues:**

Fifth Precinct Detectives and Fifth Precinct Crime Section officers, assisted by Homeland Security, Brookhaven Fire Marshall, State Liquor Authority Inspectors and the Patchogue Village Fire Marshall conducted targeted State Liquor Authority inspections at Cuscatlan Lounge located at 290 E. Main Street, Patchogue and El Capitan Sports Bar located a 125 Medford Ave, Patchogue. The two locations were targeted because of numerous community complaints regarding MS-13 gang activities and other illegal activities. Seven arrests for assorted offenses were made and two additional subjects were taken into custody by HIS Special Agents. Numerous summonses were issued to owners of both establishments by the Brookhaven Town Fire Marshall and Building Department, New York State Liquor Authority and Suffolk County Police. Both Locations were condemned for unsafe conditions and remain closed as of this date.

As a result of dozens of community complaints, Fifth Squad Special Operations Team assisted by Fifth Precinct Crime Section officers and the Suffolk Narcotics Squad executed a search warrant at 34 Debbie Lane, E. Patchogue. A resident of the home, and target of the investigation, was arrested and charged with 3 counts of Criminal Sale of Marijuana, Criminal Possession of Marijuana 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. Recovered within residence was a large quantity of marijuana, approximately \$25,000 in cash and a loaded .38 caliber revolver.

After receiving numerous anonymous tips and community complaints regarding suspicious activity at Greenview of West Sayville, a 55 and over retirement community, Fifth Squad Special Operations Detectives and the Suffolk County Narcotics Squad initiated an investigation that resulted in the arrest of an individual for 3 counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree (Heroin).

Fifth Precinct Detectives collaborated with Federal Law Enforcement, namely Homeland Security and the FBI by providing valuable intelligence regarding Bloods gang activity in the East Patchogue/North Bellport area. The investigation culminated in the arrest of 5 high ranking Bloods gang members in November 2017. Large quantities of cocaine, heroin, cash and semi-automatic weapons were recovered during the execution of several search warrants. Most of the defendants were charged with conspiracy to distribute controlled substances and the use of firearms in connection with drug trafficking.

Eight individuals were arrested in the Fifth Precinct for possession of loaded handguns. One of the arrested individuals was a confirmed MS-13 gang member.

#### **Community Meetings**

*Fifth Precinct Monthly Community Meeting:* The Fifth Precinct Monthly Community Meeting provides a forum for interaction with members of the various communities the precinct serves. Community members are informed of topics, concerns and recent trends within their communities. Nine meetings were held at the Fifth Precinct from January to December.

*MS-13 Meeting with South Country School District:* The purpose of the meeting was to coordinate strategy and exchange intelligence between South Country School District and the Fifth Precinct with regards to MS-13 activity within Bellport High School. Inspector Silva discussed all suspected MS-13 members attending the High School and whether they are suspended from school or currently in jail. SRO PO Ruotolo assigned to fixed post at Bellport High School for the remainder of the school year.

South Country Community Leadership Network Monthly Meeting: Community based intervention and community outreach. The Fifth Precinct Officers/Sgt. attended meeting and work in small groups to identify and address ongoing issues and concerns in the community. Woodgate Village Monthly Meeting: Monthly security meeting. The Fifth Precinct officers discussed safety issues and other community concerns. Patchogue PAL Soccer Program Meeting with Soccer Coordinators: Undersigned and COPE officers PO Mischo and PO Bowen worked with the Madres Latinas and organized a soccer program to be held over the winter and summer. Madres Latinas Amigas Monthly Meeting: Undersigned and COPE officers PO Mischo and PO Bowen interacted with the Madres Latinas Amigas. The purpose of the Madres Latinas Amigas organization to assist and encourage one another. Ronkonkoma Civic Monthly Meeting: Community Outreach. Attended monthly Civic Association meeting to address the needs and concerns of the members of the community.

Bellport Hagerman East Patchogue Alliance Monthly Meeting: The mission of the Alliance is to improve community conditions, overcome apathy and negative attitudes by involving community residents in innovative ways of creating additional housing units, and / or helping homeowners to maintain or improve their homes. The goal is to provide an opportunity for the homeless and low income households to live lives of dignity, and, to represent the needs of residents regarding better housing, job

opportunities and community services. Undersigned and COPE officers PO Mischo and PO Bowen attended and reported current crime trends and community issues. *Bellport High School Meeting:* Undersigned discussed with Bellport High School principal future presentations for English as a New Language (ENL) students and parents.

Brookhaven Town Hall Meeting: Undersigned attended a meeting at Brookhaven Town Hall and discussed future planning of outreach activities for the Latino/Hispanic residents in town of Brookhaven. Outlined goals and objectives for effective communication for future outreach events. National Guard Officer Meeting: Officers met with staff of Army National Guard to discuss security concerns/issues. Patrol check was created. Follow-up visits by undersigned, COPE officers PO Mischo and PO Bowen.

*Medford Taxpayers and Civic Association Meeting:* Monthly Medford Taxpayers and Civic Association meeting. Brookhaven Town Councilman Neil Foley was a guest speaker. COPE officer PO Mischo discussed overall crime statistics and trends in Suffolk County for 2016. Also, discussed reported crimes in Medford covered by the Fifth Precinct from 12/01/16 to 01/24/17. Residents complained about car carriers illegally parking in middle turn lane while unloading cars by dealerships along Rt. 112. Residents also complained about car dealerships parking vehicles on landscaped areas on their property as being against Brookhaven Town Code. Report of a massage parlor on Rt. 112 and Ohio Ave.

*Central Pine Barrens Law Enforcement Council Meeting:* The objective of the council shall be to fulfill the enforcement, compliance, stewardship and environmental protection provisions and purposes of the Long Island Pine Barrens Act of 1993 and the provisions in The Central Pine Barrens Comp. Land Use Plan. COPE officer Bowen disc Discussed result of recent multi-agency ATV task force details discussed various forms of safety and security technology to be used by the Law Enforcement Council.

*Miramar Beach Civic Association Meeting:* Community Outreach. Monthly civic association meeting for the local residents of the Miramar Beach area. Lynette Murphy, of COMPASS UNITY, held crime mapping exercise where residents were able to identify problem areas or concerns on a map of surrounding area. Data to be collected and distributed to Police Department once compiled. *Bellport Boys and Girls Club Meeting:* Meeting between COPE, PAL and Boys and Girls Club, discussed future programs at the Club. *Bayport Civic Association Meeting:* Sergeant Calandrillo discussed recent larcenies from vehicles. Also, discussed prevention tips to avoid becoming a victim of theft from vehicles.

Avery Village Association Meeting: COPE officer PO Bowen discussed various scams including but not limited to; telemarketing scams, the "IRS" scam, "PSEG" scams, "Grandparent Scam", diversion burglaries, as well as general safety tips. An opportunity for questions and answers allowed COPE officer PO Bowen to address past issues within Avery Village and to disseminate precinct contact information. *Connetquot Cares Coalition Meeting:* Former Police Commissioner Timothy Sini and Sergeant Anthony Calandrillo attended meeting. Discussed drug enforcement, drug education / prevention initiatives and Social Host Law.

*Patchogue Village Public Safety Meeting:* Possible drug dealing/use locations. Hypodermic needles being dumped in the parking lot of the Art Space Building on Terry St. Possible drug activity in a wooded lot on Rose Ave. and Oak St. Increased patrol at both locations by Fifth Precinct and Patchogue Village Code. Patrol check added. *Compass Unity Meeting:* Compass Unity is an organization dedicated to

preventing drug and alcohol abuse through education and community activities. Organization held a community mapping exercise giving residents an opportunity to identify problem areas within the community of South Country. COPE officer PO Bowen discussed results of mapping exercise and possible solutions.

*Girls Scouts of America (Camp Edey) Meeting:* Discussed recent complaints/reports of Criminal Mischief and youth disturbances at above location. Camp staff held meeting including SCPD, SC Park Rangers, and DPW staff to address possible solutions to problems. COPE/CSU will provide increase presence through above location and surrounding streets during event periods. Park Rangers to address issues regarding adjacent grounds of San Souci park. Discussed use of security guards, fixing breaches in fence line, posting of no trespass signs as well as the possibility of installing cameras.

## **Community Engagement:**

*Boys and Girls Club, North Bellport:* Community Outreach. Undersigned, COPE officers PO Mischo and PO Bowen interacted with at risk youths 5-19 years of age and assisted with homework, play sports and attend special events including "Cooking with a Cop" and "Wild-n-Out" within the context of the Boys and Girls Club after school outreach programs.

Patchogue PAL Outdoor Summer Soccer Program: Undersigned and COPE officers PO Mischo and PO Bowen working with the Madres Latinas organized an outdoor summer soccer program to be held over the summer at South Ocean Middle School. 166 at risk youths ages 6-15 attended the program. Volunteer coaches from the community were obtained by the Madres Latinas with the PAL providing insurance and t-shirts.

Patchogue PAL Indoor Winter Soccer Program: Undersigned and COPE officers PO Mischo and PO Bowen working with the Madres Latinas organized an indoor winter soccer program to be held over the winter at Medford Elementary School. 80 at risk youths ages 6-15 attended the program. Volunteer coaches from the community were obtained by the Madres Latinas with the PAL providing insurance and t-shirts.

*Patchogue PAL Basketball Program:* COPE officers PO Mischo and PO Bowen working with the Madres Latinas organized a basketball program to be held over the winter at Medford Elementary School. 110 at risk youths ages 6-15 attended the program. Volunteer coaches from the community were obtained by the Madres Latinas with the PAL providing insurance and t-shirts.

Movie Night at Corey Beach in collaboration with Great South Bay Coalition: Officers brought quads and interacted with 1100 community members. Supplied children with coloring books and 7-eleven free slurpee coupons.

*Lighthouse Mission, North Bellport:* Community Outreach. CLO and COPE Officers engage with at risk youths within the context of their after school program for middle school and high school students. Officers participate in weekly engagement with these children, to bridge the gap providing a positive role model and improve relationships between at risk youth and police.

Homeless Outreach: Monthly and as needed homeless outreach. In conjunction with the Department of Social Services, undersigned, COPE officers PO Mischo and PO Bowen canvassed neighborhoods of

the Fifth Precinct to locate and assist the homeless during extreme weather conditions.

Martha Park Safe Summer Program, North Bellport: School Resource Officers, COPE and CSU Officers interacted with local youths at the Martha Ave Park providing a safe location to spend gather during the summer months. SCPD has partnered with the Town of Brookhaven for more than 10 years at this community park which is within a high crime area providing a terrific engagement opportunity in addition to a feeling of safety for participants.

Summer Jobs Youth Follow-up/Biking: Collaborated with social workers from Bellport High School to help 16 low income at risk youths from Light House Mission to fill-out job applications for Suffolk County Department of Labor Summer Youth Work Experience Program. Followed-up with end of the summer mountain bike expedition with COPE officers PO Mischo and PO Bowen.

*Operation Safe Guard Visits:* Visited multiple religious institutions to conduct proactive security awareness during the holiday season. Additionally, patrol checks were made of transportation hubs including train stations as a result of the bombing in New York City subway stations.

*Fifth Precinct Explorer's Program:* Suffolk County Police Explorers program is learning for life, career and leadership development program dedicated to boys and girls between the ages of 14-20. The purpose of the Explorer program is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature, make proper decisions, and become responsible adults.

*Car Seat Installation:* Community Outreach. COPE officer PO Mischo installed 15 new car seats at the Fifth Precinct and 30 new car seats at car seat events.

*Church of St. Francis De Sales Outreach Build a Backpack 2017:* Church of St. Francis De Sales provided several children backpacks containing: wide-ruled loose leaf, pencil case, glue sticks, index cards, scissors, pencil sharpeners, calculators, 3 subject spiral notebook, crayons, colored pencils and markers. Undersigned interacted with the community spoke about police issues. Supplied children with 7-eleven free slurpee coupons.

*Distribute theft from vehicle posters to 7-11s in the 5th Precinct vicinity:* Lock It or Lose It campaign. Undersigned, COPE officers PO Mischo and PO Bowen distributed flyers to be posted at all 7-elevens at the Fifth Precinct vicinity. Flyer was also posted on social media.

*Precinct Tours:* Undersigned, COPE officers PO Mischo and PO Bowen provided an interactive tour which gave 140 young men/women and their parents a look at the inner workings of a Police Precinct.

*Police Appreciation at Eastern Suffolk BOCES:* COPE officers PO Mischo and PO Bowen attended a police appreciation luncheon. Officers had lunch with at-risk students and school staff. Officers were able to discuss policing as well as answer questions from students and staff.

*Police Appreciation Sunrise Drive Elementary:* Undersigned attended law enforcement appreciation ceremony at Sunrise Drive Elementary School. Undersigned discussed policing as well as answered questions from students and staff.

*Grace Gospel Church Community Picnic, Patchogue:* Community outreach to church and local Patchogue community. Attended community BBQ and interacted with congregation, gave 7-eleven free

slurpee coupons to local children.

*Bayport-Blue Point Career Day:* Community Outreach. Officers meet with three high school students to discuss career opportunities. Officers escorted students to Aviation Unit, Emergency Service Unit, Crime Scene Section, K-9 Unit.

*Grace Gospel Church Harvest Festival, Patchogue:* Conducted community forum with congregation. Attended community Harvest Festival "Trunk or Treat" spoke to children about police issues and interacted with congregation, gave 7-eleven free slurpee coupons, candy and pretzels to local children.

Hands Across Long Island (HALI) Homeless Outreach: Homeless outreach. Undersigned, COPE officers PO Mischo and PO Bowen in conjunction with HALI (Hands Across Long Island) canvassed churches and other non -profit organizations within the Fifth Precinct to locate places where the mobile shower trailer could be deployed.

Youth Court at Fifth Precinct: The Court is comprised of high school age youths from various school districts that are trained by a Judge to hear cases involving juveniles arrested on misdemeanor charges. The court is a diversion program that is offered by Suffolk County Probation to juveniles and their parents for the first offense. There are prosecutors, defense attorneys, a Judge and a Jury all comprised of the specially trained high school kids. They have a trial highlighting the facts and circumstances of the case and then the Jury deliberates and comes up with a suitable punishment. The punishments may include from 5-35 hours of community service; letters of apology; and a special jail tour. The defendant also is required to serve as a juror at a future Youth Court case. Undersigned and COPE officers PO Mischo and PO Bowen collaborated with court supervisor Janet Wohlers for court proceedings to be held in the Fifth Precinct. Undersigned attended court proceedings.

*Fifth Precinct Annual Holiday Turkey Drive:* Fifth Precinct personnel donated funds for the purchase of 167 turkeys/hams. Donated to: Light House Mission, Suffolk County American Legion, 106 Rescue Wing, Madres Latinas Amigas, Bellport High School.

#### **Community Presentations:**

The Ugly Truth at Sayville Community Ambulance: Heroin Presentation which includes: overview of heroin, prescription drugs, and other illegal drugs, SCPD EMT reference narcan training. Medical examiner presentation on Suffolk County trends/overdoses/deaths. COPE officers PO Mischo and PO Bowen assisted with Operation Medicine Cabinet.

The Ugly Truth at Bayport Blue Point Library: Heroin Presentation which includes: overview of heroin, prescription drugs, and other illegal drugs, SCPD EMT reference narcan training. Medical examiner presentation on Suffolk County trends/overdoses/deaths. COPE officer PO Bowen assisted with Operation Medicine Cabinet.

Help Suffolk- Police are your friends- Pre k Presentation and Safety Lecture: COPE officers PO Mischo and PO Bowen discussed how "the police are your friends", safety tips, and interacted with children in a class room setting. Coloring books and Slurpee coupons were given to each child.

BOCES- Robbery Role Play/Language Line: CLO Rivera and COPE officer PO Bowen assisted

teachers with classroom robbery role play scenario where high school aged students act as witnesses. Students had opportunity to recall and report their observations of event/suspect to officers as event unfolded. Students were not previously aware of scenario. Discussed how students perceived the same event differently and varying degrees of details students could recall. Discussed how officers utilize the information received from witnesses to help solve crimes/arrest subjects. Discussed resources available and steps taken by officers to maximize opportunity to make arrest. Discussed in detail how officers overcome language barriers (Spanish speaking officers, language line, etc.) when victims do not speak English. Discussed law enforcement careers/exams/training with students.

Bellport High School Driving Safety Presentation: CLO Rivera and COPE Officer PO Bowen addressed 700 students safe driving (texting, drinking, no seat belts, etc). Students participated in wearing impaired vision simulator goggles.

#### Vamos a Hablar

Bellport High School, William Floyd Library Adult Education and Madres Latinas ENL Presentations CLO Rivera addressed peer pressure; making good decisions and effects of gang to more than 150 ENL students at Bellport High School. Officer Rivera shared her experiences growing up as a bilingual student avoiding the peer pressures that students are may be experiencing today. At William Floyd HS, CLO Rivera addressed 100 adult ENL students regarding SCPD policies, including the Language Line Service Suffolk County Police Department provides. Students asked questions in reference to traffic violations. "Que Hacer cuando un Policia le Detiene" pamphlet was provided to the students. Officer Rivera also conducted a community forum with the Madres Latinas Amigas where she discussed police issues and outreach programs Suffolk County Police Department has to offer to the community. (Presentations sere in Spanish).

*Brookhaven Town House Safety Presentation:* CLO Rivera, COPE officers PO Mischo and PO Bowen gave a presentation to residents addressing being safe, buddy system, see something say something. Spoke to residents about drugs and gave "Senior Safety Tips" pamphlets.

*Grace Gospel Church, Patchogue, Presentation:* CLO Rivera conducted a community forum with congregation, attended service and interacted with congregation. Spoke to the congregation in reference to police issues and outreach programs Suffolk County Police Department has to offer to the community.

BOCES at Bellport Safe Driving Seminar with Highway Unit: CLO Rivera, COPE officer PO Bowen and Highway officers addressed safe driving to 9th through 12th graders at BOCES- Bellport at risk/special need students. Highway Officers gave a presentation to students addressing safe driving (texting, drinking, no seat belts, etc). Students participated in wearing impaired vision simulator goggles while driving pedal carts. Students took turns using the driving simulator to monitor driver's behavior, performance and attention while on the road.

*Grace Chapel Church, Sayville, Presentation:* COPE officers PO Mischo and PO Bowen conducted a community forum with congregation, attended service and interacted with congregation. Spoke to the congregation in reference to police issues and outreach programs Suffolk County Police Department has to offer to the community.

Neighborhood Watch Presentation: COPE officer PO Bowen gave a presentation to residents from the

vicinity of Crestwood Road, Bohemia on how to set up a neighborhood watch in their community. The residents were shown a video and given informational packets including maps of their neighborhood. The oral presentation covered the do's and don'ts with regards to a successful neighborhood watch. There was also a question and answer period which addressed issues in their community and how the Neighborhood Watch could help.

Long Island Head Start- Police Presentation: COPE officers PO Mischo and PO Bowen discussed duties and responsibilities of a Police Officer; the equipment used; safety issues that the children should be concerned with including bike helmets, car seats, pool safety, stranger danger, Q & A, etc. The visit was videotaped by P.I.B. and posted on the Department's Face Book page.

## **Community Events:**

*Community Ambulance Safety Surge*: COPE officers PO Mischo and PO Bowen canvassed local neighborhoods and rewarded children with free Carvels Ice Cream coupon who were wearing bike helmets. Officers provided a free bicycle helmet voucher to children who were not wearing a helmet.

Fed up Maxed Out- GSBC International Heroin Overdose Awareness Day : Fed Up Maxed Out in conjunction with The Great South Bay Coalition hosted an event to raise awareness of drug and alcohol abuse in our communities on International Heroin Overdose Awareness Day. Event consisted of guest speakers including drug abuse experts, local politicians, and community members sharing their personal stories. Undersigned and COPE officer PO Bowen set up an educational table, distributed drugs and crime information/pamphlets.

*Coffee with a Cop:* CLO Rivera, COPE officer PO Mischo and PO Bowen facilitated three events where community members are invited to spend some time and talk with local officers in a relaxed setting. Events were held: Grace Chapel Church, Target and Patchogue-Medford Library.

*National Night Out:* Inspector Silva, CLO Rivera, COPE officer PO Mischo and PO Bowen attended National Night Out. It is a yearly event for police and the community to foster a relationship. The Fifth Precinct partnered with BHEP and Target Inc. in a safe environment for entertainment, food and raffles.

*Ecuadorian Independence Day (Lucero Foundation):* Lucero of America Foundation invited the Suffolk County Police Department Fifth Precinct to attend their socio-cultural festival in the municipal lot on Academy St. in Patchogue. Inspector Silva spoke to the local residents and attendees about trusting the police. The Fifth Precinct has an open door policy; the police are present to assist the community. Undersigned interpreted Inspector Silva's speech to the audience.

*4th Annual Brookhaven Safety Day:* CLO Rivera and COPE officer PO Bowen conducted 80 ident-a-kits for families and gave the children 7-eleven free slurpee coupons.

*Connetquot Cares Coalition Health and Wellness Fair at High School:* COPE officers PO Mischo and PO Bowen set up an educational table, distributed drugs and crime information/pamphlets. Interacted with community members that attended event.

Geico National Car Seat Event: COPE officer PO Mischo conducted car seat inspections of Geico employees and members of the public. Inspected car seats to see if properly installed, recalled and/or

expired/damaged. Educated parents how to properly install the seats and if necessary install a new seat provided by EAC Network. This event was part of a fundraiser where Geico donated \$15,000 dollars to the EAC Network. The money will be used by EAC to continue their good work of educating the public with regards to passenger safety. EAC often partners with SCPD to conduct car seat inspection events for the public.

*Fiesta de la Hispanidad:* CLO Rivera attended community Outreach. Celebrated "Fiesta de la Hispanidad" Event incorporates elements of Latin Culture, featuring dance, food and music. Undersigned conducted a community forum with community members, spoke to children about police issues and interacted with the community. Gave 7-eleven free slurpee coupons to local children.

*Car Seat Event Seventh Precinct:* COPE officer PO Mischo participated in the Seventh Precinct Car Seat Event. Safe Start Child Safety and Car Seat Event with EAC Network. Conducted car seat inspections for members of the public. Inspected car seats to see if properly installed, recalled and/or expired/damaged. Educated parents how to properly install the seats and if necessary install a new seat provided by EAC Network. EAC often partners with SCPD to conduct car seat inspection events for the public.

Hagerman Fire Department Car Seat Event: COPE officer PO Mischo participated in the Hagerman Fire Department Car Seat Event. Safe Start Child Safety and Car Seat Event with EAC Network. Conducted car seat inspections for members of the public. Inspected car seats to see if properly installed, recalled and/or expired/damaged. Educated parents how to properly install the seats and if necessary install a new seat provided.

*Amityville Car Seat Event:* COPE officer PO Mischo participated in the Amityville Car Seat Event. Safe Start Child Safety and Car Seat Event with EAC Network. Conducted car seat inspections for members of the public. Inspected car seats to see if properly installed, recalled and/or expired/damaged. Educated parents how to properly install the seats and if necessary install a new seat provided by EAC Network. EAC often partners with SCPD to conduct car seat inspection events for the public.

*Madres Latinas Amigas Thanksgiving Dinner:* CLO Rivera attended celebration at the Patchogue Medford Library. Participated in the Madres Latina Thanksgiving dinner. Spoke with many community members about events in the community and any issues.(Addressed in Spanish)

*Fifth Precinct/Alliance Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting at the 5th Precinct:* Inspector Silva and Fifth Precinct personnel hosted an Annual Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting. Girl Scouts provided carols, donuts and hot chocolate. Rabbi Moss and Clergy spoke to the community.

*Fifth Precinct/Alliance- Santa Christmas Tree Giveaway :* Inspector Silva in conjunction with Hall Landscaping donated 9 Christmas trees and Christmas tree ornaments. Fifth Precinct personnel spread hope and joy by giving Christmas trees to families in need.

*Madres Latinas Amigas Christmas Dinner:* Undersigned attended celebration at the Church of St. Francis De Sales. Participated in the Madres Latina Christmas dinner. Spoke with many community members about events in the community and any issues.

*Toy Shop Event:* Donated gifts to 172 children in H.E.L.P Suffolk (homeless shelter).

Heroes and Helpers at Sayville Target: Fifth Precinct officers took 27 children from H.E.L.P Suffolk (homeless shelter) shopping with gift cards donated by target and funds donated by Fifth Precinct officers and community members.

#### **Community Issues/Complaints:**

Illegal road closure by residents of 75 Willow Street, Sayville: COPE officer PO Bowen spoke with owner, Tara Farrell, of #75 who reported TOI aware of road/driveway closure. Road is complaint's property. Agreement to make pedestrian walkway in future. Confirmed with Town on 7/6. Town to recheck area to make sure terms of agreement are being followed.

Squatters/ Possible drug dealing/ speeding motor cycles from Bank owned property at 720 Locust Ave, Bohemia: Gang Unit to investigate/follow up. Debriefing sheet completed. PO Bowen followed up with 5th District Court reference eviction. Next court date on 8/3. PO Bowen to follow up with Sheriff's Department. Court ordered subjects to vacate home by 11/3. 1/8/2018 Neighbors report subjects have moved out weeks prior.

Blind driveway/ speeding vehicles/ vehicles not stopping for buses : Patrol check created. Brookhaven Town Chief Engineers office (Karen) 2-4002 contacted by COPE officer PO Mischo for installment of hidden driveway sign on Montauk Highway, Brookhaven. CSU to conduct enforcement.

Possible Drug dealing by DJ Wade John 10/26/64. Subject plays music at Brookhaven Town Safe Summer Program on Wednesdays. Subject lives at 6 Carver Blvd, Bellport and operates a white Audi A8 and a white Range Rover Sport: COPE officer PO Bowen completed Intel Debriefing Sheet. Community Relations Bureau notified. Community Relations Bureau officers to staff Safe Summer events for remainder of summer as scheduled. Brookhaven Town aware and sent supervisor to program on 7/19/17.

Illegal Parking/Signs installed at Route 112 and James Street, Patchogue: Multiple parking tickets issued on multiple occasions.

Possible squatters/house placarded at 2290 Feuerisen Ave, Ronkonkoma: Complaint received at Bohemia Association Meeting. Patrol check added. Follow-up by COPE/CSU officers resulted in vacancy of premises.

Noise Disturbance from tenant at Apt. F at Northwood Lane, Patchogue: On 9/14/17 COPE officer PO Bowen spoke with complainant Robert Vasquez (DOB 10/21/51) reference noise problem. 9/19/17 COPE officers PO Mischo and PO Bowen interviewed property manager who will assist in resolving the issue. Fifth Precinct to monitor situation.

Request enforcement of No Parking signs at Victory Church 1343 Montauk Highway, E. Patchogue: COPE officers PO Bowen and PO Mischo spoke with owner of auto repair shop reference problem. Summonses issued and patrol check created for 60 days to monitor/ increase presence. Repeat checks

show negative parking issues.

Squatting in home- no electric at 348 Munsell Rd, E. Patchogue: Brookhaven Town investigators responded with COPE officers PO Bowen and PO Mischo and condemned house. Subject possibly still remaining overnight. Patrol check created to monitor. Subjects vacated house upon notification by officers. House boarded up by Town.

Possible drug dealing from rental at 289 Munsell Rd, E. Patchogue: Brookhaven Town investigators responded with COPE officers PO Bowen and PO Mischo. Town investigators to address issues with home owner reference expired rental permit. 12/31/17 house vacated and boarded up by Town after fire destroyed residence.

Improper use of vacant yard on Eastern St, Ronkonkoma/ Quality of Life issues. Fleet of garbage trucks operating out of yard. Property owned by All Suffolk Carting Corp.: On 4/11/2017 COPE officer PO Bowen contacted Islip Town to confirm investigation was opened. COPE officer PO Bowen spoke with Fire Marshal Chief John Lombardo who reports Town officials have visited property. Appearance tickets/utts have been issued.

Husco Gas Station possibly selling alcohol to minors: Prior Intel debriefing completed. Patrol check created. CSU sent underage youth to purchase alcohol. Youth properly identified by clerk.



Sixth Precinct Command Staff, Community Liaison and COPE Officers attended more than one hundred community meetings, and community engagement activities. There were eleven Sixth Precinct Monthly Meetings held where community members are invited to voice their concerns regarding quality of life issues. Additionally, CLO and COPE Officers attend individual community, civic, coalition, neighborhood watch, school administration and many other meetings within the Sixth Precinct. CLO and COPE Officers meet with Inspector Murphy and Sixth Precinct Command Staff daily relaying community concerns so they may be addressed in a timely manner.

## **COMMUNITY MEETING COMPLAINTS:**

#### Illegal Drug Activity/ Homelessness

*Coram Plaza* – Numerous complaints of aggressive panhandling, public urination, drug dealing/usage and consumption of alcohol in open view received from various civic members resulted in the creation of the Coram Plaza Revitalization Task Force. Task Force was a compilation of government officials, civic leaders, local organization representatives, business managers and 6<sup>th</sup> Pct COPE/CLO officers. Officers completed periodic wellness checks and outreach efforts in collaboration with Dept of Social Services, Pax Christi and LI Coalition for the Homeless to offer subjects positive alternatives to their living situation. 6<sup>th</sup> Pct COPE/CLO inputted patrol checks reference specific requests of task force members. Patrol checks were completed by 6<sup>th</sup> Pct CSU and Patrol resulting in numerous arrests, summonses written, Town of Brookhaven citations. 6<sup>th</sup> Pct COPE/CLO are continuing efforts with new/current store managers and property representatives to address remaining issues.

*96 Abner Dr. Farmingville* – Continued problem drug location with numerous complaints from local residents, Farmingville Residents Assoc. A collaboration between 6<sup>th</sup> pct COPE/CLO, CSU, Gang Unit, 6<sup>th</sup> Pct Narcotics Unit and Brookhaven officials resulted in the successful boarding up of property. CSU did continue to monitor property to prevent further issues which resulted in numerous trespass arrests at location. This activity was communicated to the 6<sup>th</sup> Pct COPE unit and command staff which was relayed to concerned residents at precinct community meetings

Wooded Area of Terryville N/O Rt347, Port Jefferson Station – Many concerns and complaints brought to attention 6<sup>th</sup> Pct representatives about frequent drug use and vagrants staying on property without permission. This location is of concern due to its proximity to Comsewogue Public Library and vagrants' negative interactions with families who are patrons at the library. Local 6<sup>th</sup> Pct patrol units coordinated efforts with property owner for successful removal of many subjects from area resulting in the execution of warrants and numerous arrests. Civic leaders and Comsewogue library

staff expressed their appreciation for improved conditions. All parties continue to work together to resolve remaining issues.

*Rt.* 25 at Fife Dr and Westfield Rd. Coram – Members of Coram and Middle Island Civic requested increased efforts to address prostitution and narcotics issues in the stated area surrounding Rt. 25. 6<sup>th</sup> Pct COPE/CLO initiated efforts by including details, videos and photos in order to identify times and specific location of issue. 6<sup>th</sup> Pct COPE/CLO communicated these issues to CSU and Gang Units during pct staff meetings. Efforts of 6<sup>th</sup> Pct COPE/CLO and Command Staff have communicated these results to civic leaders via e-mail, civic meetings and pct community meetings.

Jefferson Plaza. Port Jefferson- Numerous complaints from Port Jefferson Station/ Terryville Civic, business managers and Jefferson Plaza property managers reference aggressive panhandling, public urination, drug usage and consumption of alcohol in open view, loitering within Teachers Federal Credit Union's ATM annex and interior entrance foyer. 6<sup>th</sup> Pct COPE/CLO did intake issues of concern and communicated them to enforcement units. Command staff prioritized complaints resulting in numerous arrests and citations issued. Ongoing patrol checks at plaza area are still active in order to maintain an increased patrol presence. Property managers have been advised by 6<sup>th</sup> Pct officials to improve surveillance video capabilities in order to assist law enforcement efforts in the future. COPE/CLO Officers completed periodic wellness checks and outreach efforts in collaboration with Dept of Social Services, Pax Christi and LI Coalition for the Homeless to offer subjects positive alternatives to their living situation. Additionally, 6<sup>th</sup> Pct COPE/CLO hosted a community event at Jefferson Plaza in order to further dialogue between police dept. and concerned residents. Furthermore, Port Jefferson Station/Terryville Civic has been kept up to date with 6<sup>th</sup> Pct coordinated efforts to improve conditions in plaza.

Gordon Heights Drug Activity/Gang Awareness - Ongoing relationship between 6<sup>th</sup> Pct representatives and Gordon Heights Civic leaders resulted in information obtained reference two locations, specifically 111 Seymour La, and 51 Wilson Ave. As a result of this information the 6<sup>th</sup> Pct recovered a stolen vehicle, made numerous narcotics arrests and successfully had homes emptied/boarded up by Town of Brookhaven officials. Civic leaders have been kept apprised of these property updates during ongoing meetings with command staff. Also, 6<sup>th</sup> Pct COPE/CLO did participate in collaboration with Longwood school district, Gordon Heights Faith based organizations and civic leaders for a large scale gang awareness presentation. Guest Speaker, Sergio Argueta, communicated a positive message on decision making, character traits, and gang awareness. Community organizations and 6<sup>th</sup> Pct set up resource tables outside of church for attending members to interact and gain knowledge. Community members celebrated unity and diversity during BBQ hosted by Longwood JHS. 6<sup>th</sup> Pct COPE/CLO connected with many community advocates, organizations and resources and has remained in communication for future outreach activities.

#### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

*Coffee with a Cop-* an event where various hosts provide a forum for Officers and community members to get to know one another in a casual setting:

May 19, Comsewogue Library, Port Jefferson Station June 22, Bagels Your Way, Selden July 3, Crazy Crepe, Miller Place August 3, Smith Haven Mall, Lake Grove September 26, Station Coffee Shop, Port Jefferson Station October 4, Smith Haven Mall, Lake Grove October 31, Bagels Your Way, Medford December 4, Better on a Bagel, Port Jefferson Station

*Middle Country Library, Selden-* On January 11, 2017 Officers Berry and Gibaldi provided a presentation to library staff regarding how to interact with an individual who appears to be emotionally disturbed. Officers attend teen night on Fridays at least once a month to meet with youth while playing video games, ping pong, and more.

*Kids Clubhouse, Port Jefferson Station-* this is an after school drop-in center that we visit bi-weekly to engage elementary and middle school aged children. This is a diverse community in which CLO & COPE engage youth while assisting with their homework or playing card games and other activities. We also mentor at-risk youth who have made poor choices and require additional direction with a positive role model. On January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 PO Lynagh and PO Berry conducted an anti-bullying presentation.

*Skyzone, Mt Sinai*- Skyzone is a trampoline park that hosts monthly Police Unity nights for two hours. At these events, the entrance fee is reduced as families come to interact with COPE and other officers while jumping. On June 7<sup>th</sup> 2017, a Police Department versus Fire Department event took place and on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 our National Night Out event was hosted.

*City on the Hill Church, Middle Island Caring for Kids Day Care, Middle Island-* a day care program that we visit at least bi-weekly to facilitate positive police interaction with this diverse community. The program selected a handful of individuals that they requested COPE mentor to help provide support and guidance to. Officers also interact with kids by participating in program activities like soccer, hide and seek, basketball, and more. On November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017, CLO & COPE officers partnered with 6<sup>th</sup> Precinct Cops Who Care Organization and Heritage Harbor Financial and created a Holiday Photo Event. At this event, hosted by City on the Hill, families were invited to have a professional family photo taken for free. Families were identified by collaborating with local schools and community leaders.

*Lighthouse Mission*- a mobile food pantry that conducts outreach to 3 locations once a week within the 6<sup>th</sup> Precinct (Coram, Port Jefferson Station and Ronkonkoma) At these locations, COPE officers & CLO are able to engage with homeless individuals while offering them resources in the community.

*National Night Out-*a community-police awareness-raising event was hosted by Skyzone in Mt Sinai on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 with nearly 700 attendees. Vendors included local restaurants, businesses and entertainment. A demonstration by and for children was conducted by a local martial arts studio ran by a Latino community member and police liaison. COPE, CLO, Police Explorers and Command Staff all participated in this events success.

*PAL Fishing*- On July 19<sup>th</sup> (with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pct) and August 30<sup>th</sup> (with the 7<sup>th</sup> Pct), we did collaborate with local community members to invite at-risk youth to participate in a community oriented police trip sponsored by PAL.

*Community Resource Meetings, Comsewogue Library-* a partnership of local community organizations including Mt. Sinai Senior Center, Mather Outpatient Clinic, St Gerard's Food Pantry, Hope House Ministries Substance Abuse Services, Pax Christi Homeless Shelter, and COPE & CLO meet quarterly. Staff from each organization provides information regarding upcoming events and current concerns/issues related to their community.

Axis (aka Assembly of God), Medford & Port Jefferson Station- CLO & COPE Officers partner with members of this church and its community to reach diverse groups in Medford, Gordon Heights, and Port Jefferson Station. Officers regularly attend teen youth groups and assist in homeless outreach efforts once a month. The 6<sup>th</sup> Precinct collaborated with staff and volunteers to conduct 3 separate cooking classes. COPE attended and participated in an Easter Egg Hunt on April 4<sup>th</sup>. At the community's request, COPE officers did a presentation in a Parenting Skills Workshop on substance abuse and cyber-bullying. On October 28<sup>th</sup>, Officers were invited to a Trunk or Treat event to interact with the community while they participated in Halloween festivities in the church parking lot. Finally, December 19<sup>th</sup>, COPE and CLO assisted in distributing winter jackets to families in need while socializing with them during the event.

Sunshine Prevention Center, Port Jefferson Station- an alternative education and prevention center for teens. COPE Officers & CLO meet with students, in a group setting, monthly to engage in casual conversation about the topic of the month, i.e., decision making, critical thinking. On November 29<sup>th</sup>, CLO and COPE officers conducted a cooking class to exemplify how to make a nutritious breakfast by making omelets.

*Ugly Truth-* on March 27<sup>th</sup> a heroin and prescription drug education and awareness program presented by Suffolk County Police Department Community Relations Bureau, Suffolk County Medical Examiner's Office, Suffolk County Office of Mental Health and Hygiene and the Suffolk County Police Academy's E.M.T.U. at Comsewogue High School.

*Crafts with Cops, Coram Elementary*-on November 30<sup>th</sup> in partnership with the staff and PTA, 6<sup>th</sup> Precinct COPE and patrol officers engaged in crafts with elementary aged children. It was a great opportunity for kids to ask police officers questions and play at the same time.

*Suffolk Community College, Selden Campus*- on April 13<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup> CLO & COPE officers were guest speakers in a Community Policing class. Officers spoke with students about myriad forms of community engagement, daily responsibilities, and how to become a police officer. Also, on July 26<sup>th</sup> CLO & COPE conducted a Distracted Driving lecture to a Driver's Education class.

*Suffolk Community College, Selden*- Officers were invited on multiple dates to give lectures to college classes. Specifically lectures included: distracted driving and community policing. 7/26/17; 12/7/17

*Self Defense Class*- Officers partnered local community business owner of LI Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and local county government official to host a self-defense class for women. During class women were instructed on basic tactics and role-played various scenarios which presented common dangers to women. 9/14/17

*Car Seat Event*- Officers partnered with EAC (community outreach organization) to provide certified car seat installations for local residents. Attendees that had inadequate car seats were given new ones free of cost via EAC. Families in need, multi-ethnic, from various neighborhoods were invited to attend. 5/24/17 – Command Staff Present

*Visits to St. Michael's Activity Center, Gordon Heights-* Officers did attend numerous youth activity sessions in minority community and participated in many activities including: assisting with homework, roleplaying, cooking classes, read-a-louds, and literacy talks. Positive engagement and dialogue with diverse youth has led to improved levels of trust and relationships with community and police department. 6/15/17; 7/27/17; 8/17/17; 9/28/17 – Command Staff present for some visits

*Heroes and Helpers, Medford Target-* Community collaboration between Target, 6th Precinct Cops Who Care and SCPD to provide an opportunity for underprivileged children to purchase gifts for the holidays through donations. Underprivileged youth and/or families in crisis were provided gift cards and were given opportunity to do holiday shopping with SCPD officers in Target, Medford. Target staff, 6th Precinct Explorers, and above uniform personnel did assist and interact in a positive manner with attendees/families during shopping event. 12/13/17

*Mental Health Awareness Seminar, Centereach Bible Church*- Centereach Bible Church hosted event featuring guest speakers and community representatives discussing depression and anxiety. Officers did attend presentation featuring Pastor Scott Kraniak and community leaders discussing real world practical issues involving depression and anxiety. Officers were also given opportunity to discuss SCPD's philosophy when dealing with individuals with mental health issues. Additionally, officers explained new initiative to begin facilitating for those individuals battling addiction. 10/5/17

Stranger Awareness and Role of the Community Police Officer Lectures- To present and discuss information with students pertaining to role of police officers in community, uses of dialing 9-1-1, and dealing with strangers. Officers discussed the daily functions of police officers and fostered positive interpersonal relationships with the students in attendance. Practical uses of 9-1-1 were discussed including the important information

that would be needed if/when dialing 9-1-1. Strategies for effectively identifying strangers and escaping unsafe situations were analyzed. Additionally, students were able to participate in role play scenarios to practice their skills. 6/2/17; 7/26/17; 10/27/17

3 on 3 Brookhaven Basketball Tournament, Hope Day Basketball Ball Tournament, Brookhaven Camp Visits, Hobb's Run the Farm Event - Officers did interact with various and diverse members of community in a positive manner including providing available department resources. Officers did participate in various sport activities with multiple youth. These events led to improved relationship between youth and police department. 6/3/17; 7/12/17; 7/15/17; 8/19/17

Homeless Outreach with Department of Social Services - With representatives of DSS, Pax Christi, the objective was to successfully make contact and provide options for housing and general assistance to those in need at various known homeless gathering locations. Officers in collaboration with Suffolk County DSS, Pax Christi, LI Coalition for the homeless performed homeless outreach in the known 6<sup>th</sup> Precinct homeless areas. Successful contacts made with multiple apparent homeless subjects. Multiple subjects appeared to be receptive to options and assistance that were offered. 1/18/17; 1/30/17; 3/8/17; 3/14/17; 4/26/17; 8/4/17; 9/20/17; 11/8/17

Gang Awareness Presentation; Comsewogue: Officers discussed those variables that contribute to individuals wanting to join a gang, risk factors and propensity for violence, and alternative ways for a student to spend his/her time and be connected to a positive group. Students compared and contrasted cultural differences that exist between their home country and the US. Additionally, did reinforce resources available through the school district, police department and community that provide support for teens/students. *3/28/17* 

Gang Awareness Presentations; Gordon Heights: Collaboration with Longwood School District who selected guest speaker, Sergio Argueta, to communicate a positive speech on decision making, character traits, and gang awareness. Community organizations including SCPD set up resource tables outside of church for attending members to interact and gain knowledge. Community members celebrated unity and diversity during barb a que hosted by Longwood JHS. Police officers engaged in positive manner with attendees. 9/25/17

*Fax Chix Community Meeting, Main St Farmingville*: Informal meet and greet with latino business owners in the Farmingville area. CLO introduced himself as community liaison officer to local residents and community members in attendance. 10/6/17

*Brookhaven Latino Outreach Meeting, Farmingville*: Officers began planning outreach activities for the Latino/Hispanic residents in town of Brookhaven with representatives from town. Multiple groups outlined goals and objectives for effective communication for future outreach events. Lucia del Valle invited SCPD representatives to upcoming Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration & future Hispanic Advisory Board meetings. 10/11/17



Seventh Precinct Command Staff, Community Liaison and COPE Officers attended more than one hundred community meetings, and community engagement activities. There were eleven Seventh Precinct Monthly Meetings held where community members are invited to voice their concerns regarding quality of life issues. Additionally, CLO and COPE Officers attend individual community, civic, coalition, neighborhood watch, school administration and many other meetings within the Seventh Precinct. CLO and COPE Officers meet with Inspector McCarthy and Seventh Precinct Command Staff daily relaying community concerns so they may be addressed in a timely manner.

# Statistics:

The Seventh Precinct had effected 3,489 arrests and issued 16,372 traffic tickets. Over 70 search warrants have been executed. Some notable search warrants are as follows:

- 4/1/17 #5 Curtis Ct. Mastic Beach items recovered included crack, heroin and marijuana
- 11/17/17 #38a Stuyvesant Ave. Mastic items recovered 10 grams of crack/cocaine, loaded AR-15 Rifle, 2 large capacity magazines, amphetamine pills and \$4194 dollars us currency.
- 11/18/17 #55 Pinewood Dr, Shirley items recovered 5 grams of crack/cocaine, 15 grams of Oxycodone pills, bag of marijuana, platinum lactose, cut, packaging for heroin crack, scales/cell phones and gang literature.
- #741 Taylor Ave, Bellport items recovered were 3 grams of crack/cocaine, 2 grams heroin, 2 grams of MDMA, bag of Xanax pills, bags of marijuana, scales/cell phones and packaging for heroin/crack.
- #1481 William Floyd Pkwy, Shirley 19 grams of crack/cocaine, 14grams of heroin, 142 grams of marijuana and a large quantity of assorted pills.
- #165D Poospatuck Ave, Mastic items recovered cocaine, 5 grams MDMA, large quantity of Xanax, .380 gun magazine, 6 cell phones, stun guns, metal knuckles and metal grinder.
- #21 Pennwood Dr. Mastic Beach items recovered 1 gram of cocaine, scales, packaging and assault BB rifle.

# Quality of Life Issues:

At the 7<sup>th</sup> pct. the two Cope officers and the CLO work together to handle all community concerns and issues. As a group and as often as possible we go to all meetings and events together so we can better address the community and neighborhood concerns. Each month our office attends over 20 community events and civic meetings. We take time out to listen to community concerns and complaints and initiate action to help resolve a myriad of issues. to the community.

# ATV/QUADS:

A continued concern from the community is the operation of ATV/Quad issue. Our COPE office works in conjunction with the NY State Troopers, NY STATE PARKS and Suffolk County Park Rangers to help reduce the ATV problem. We also work with CSU, patrol and the community to locate where the owners of the ATV'S live. We have, in partnership with the Legislators office sent formal letters (these letters explain NYS VTL Laws) to all known ATV owners and households where there are a number of complaints for ATV misuse. These letters are then followed up at each address with a uniformed COPE officer to interview the head of that household. This approach has helped deter a lot of ATV complaints this year.

# Zombie Houses/Squatters:

Within confines of the 7<sup>th</sup> pct. we have had multiple complaints from the legislator's office community and the in reference to abandoned/squatter/zombie homes. Our office works in conjunction with investigate these groups directly to everv complaint of abandoned/squatter/zombie homes. Our office also acts as a liaison with bank owned properties and will attempt to track down current owners of problem houses. Ultimately, the goal of our office is to aid the community with reducing the number of these types of homes by either having current owners fill out proper affidavits and paperwork, banks following up on neglected properties, or having the proper government entity board up problem homes.

# **Community Engagement Efforts**

## Coffee with a cop:

Throughout 2017, the Seventh Precinct has participated in over 15 "coffee with a cop" events. Our precinct had great success with organization and participation in this event. We have met many people from our community where we do our best to listen to them and help them in any way possible. We have heard issues and concerns from neighbor disputes, parking

problems, drug activity, domestic issues and more. The feedback has been very positive and the community likes that we were there to listen. Some of the most recent "Coffee with a Cop" events that had positives response are as follows:

- 9/22/17 Coffee with a cop at Rocky Point Dunkin Donuts
- 9/26/17 Coffee with a cop at Center Moriches Dunkin Donuts
- 10/4/17 7<sup>th</sup>. Precinct participated in National coffee with a cop at Brooklyn bagel in Rocky Point.
- 10/12/17 Coffee with a cop at Leisure Village.
- 10/31/17 Coffee with a cop Medford bagel shop.
- 12/7/17 Coffee with a cop Center Moriches McDonald's
- 12/12/17 Coffee with a cop at Pete's bagels in Rocky pt.
- 12/14/17 Coffee with a cop Manorville McDonald's

# Women's Self Defense:

The Seventh Precinct piloted program to offer a women's self-defense class. We had a great turnout and we are continually asked when we will be offering another class. This program was started by one of our officers Carolyn Maher who is currently on patrol in the 7<sup>th</sup> precinct and has many years of training and experience with self-defense and a police officer. Our next self-defense class will be offered this month for elderly females at Leisure Village in Ridge.

# Fishing with a cop:

This summer our COPE office participated in PAL fishing trips. The fishing trips are a PAL sponsored event. What made this event such a success for the 7<sup>th</sup> Precinct were donations that were given by two of our local civic associations. Each civic association paid for 10 students to go fishing with police officers from our COPE office. We reached out to local schools within our local police district. Students were recommended and chosen by the school districts for reasons they felt were important. In return these students were able to attend the fishing trips. The students had such a great time and really enjoyed themselves. Our office feels this event was a success. We really enjoyed hanging-out with some great students. We look forward to continuing and expanding this program next year.

# Backpack give-away:

This event was started this year and we were involved in the organization of backpack giveaways. This program started in July and we have gotten extremely positive feedback. We worked in partnership with Empower Assist Care (EAC) a local non-profit agency. Our office went around to local schools in need and distributed over 150 backpacks each loaded with school supplies. This Backpack event will be a priority for our office to be continued.

## National Night Out:

National night out is a nationwide event that occurred on 8/1/17. This is an event where we invite the community out for a family night of fun and community appreciation. This year we had over 600 community members participate in this event. In helping making this event a success we had participation from Mastic/Shirley Library, Mastic Beach Fire Department, Mastic Beach Ambulance, Shirley Fire Department, and local vendors. Next year we plan to have a much larger event at a bigger location. The community was so supportive and the feedback was overwhelming. Local government officials stopped in and discussed issues and concerns.

# Childcare Car Seat Events/ Certification:

This year our office has 2 police officers that are car seat trained and certified. The undersigned officer and PO Anson are the officers that have received training. This is just another tool that we have been able to use and implement on a daily basis. We have weekly walk-ins and appointments where we help the community install their car seats, check if the current seats are installed correctly and teach them how to install their child car seat properly. On 11/4/17 we hosted our first child car seat event at the Mastic Beach ambulance company. We worked with EAC a non-profit agency and distributed 25 new child car seats. We serviced over 45 people in the community and showed them how to install their car seat correctly.

## Work out with a Cop:

Our office initiated a program that we brought into high schools called "workout with a cop". The pilot program was started in 2017 and targets Junior and Senior gym classes. It is an effort to build a trust and a positive relationship between high school youth and the police department through COPE officers teaching weight room lifting technique and other gym activities. The idea behind this program is to make the youth feel comfortable with interactions between themselves and police department personnel. This program runs every Wednesday afternoon starting in the beginning of the school year and runs through the end of the school year at Center Moriches High School.

# Family Connect Night:

This is a program that we have been participating in for two years now. This program is the first Wednesday of every month and is hosted by the Mastic/Shirley library. It's a night out once a month for families. The program is designed to give families a chance to relax and come out for a night of games and learning while having fun. As part of the community, we join this event and interact with the community. The students and families have been very responsive when we have participated in the games and family challenges.

# Teen Night:

This is a program that was set up by the Mastic/Shirley library. On every Friday night they offer teen night. This gives teens in the community a place to come play games, work on the computer, listen to music or just hang-out with their friends. The COPE office stops down and gets involved in the teen activities. We have received such positive feedback from the teens. They have started opening up to us and feel comfortable. They like having us at their event. Our goal is to break down any barriers we may have with these youth adults or any stereotypes they may feel.

# Trick or Treat / Spooky Walk Event

Each October the Seventh Precinct participates in multiple Halloween events. We attended the "Not so scary trick or treat" event at one of our local civic meetings as well as participated in school festivities and trick events local schools within the precinct. Additionally, COPE and CLO participate annually in the Spooky Walk event held at Camp Pa-Qua-tuck: This yearly fundraiser affords children with special needs the opportunity to attend Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck at no cost.

# **Poospatuck Reservation:**

The Poospatuck Reservation is Native American community that is established in the confines of the Seventh Precinct. there has been an issue with drug use and a high crime rate involving the reservation. The 7<sup>th</sup> Precinct has regular meetings with the leaders from the reservation and we continue to maintain a good working relationship with the leaders of the reservation. We try our best to resolve and investigate any complaints they may be brought to our attention.

# Vamos a Hablar:

Throughout the 2017 calendar year COPE, 7<sup>th</sup> CLO assisted by CLO Rivera and Officer Umbarila, participated in several Vamos a Hablar presentations. These events, held at the Mastic/Shirley Library and William Floyd High School allowed Spanish speaking officers an opportunity to have a dialogue with the Hispanic community addressing their issues, concerns and questions regarding Department procedures, policies and a variety of other topics.

## **Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts:**

In 2017 we conducted 15 Scout visits the precinct for tours and public safety discussions. During this trip the scouts earn a public safety badge and are able to interact with police in a more intimate setting. The Cope office also helps facilitate an anti-bullying march in Mastic Beach each year and the Holiday Light Show which draw excess of 3000 families throughout the county.

## **Turkey Drive:**

On 11/21/17 the 7<sup>th</sup> precinct was involved in a turkey drive with the local Stop and Shop supermarket. We received over 80 turkeys and distributed them to our local schools, food pantries and churches for families in need.

## The Rocky Point Concert Series:

In the months of July and August, In the Rocky Point the Cope Office assists Legislator Anker's office with a music concert series in Rocky point for over 5,000 residents throughout the summer.

## Homeless Outreach:

With representatives from Suffolk County Department of Social Services, LI Coalition for the Homeless, and numerous Military Veterans groups we make contact and provide shelter and services to any un-domiciled residents.

## Holiday Toy Drive:

The 7<sup>th</sup> precinct the past two years have worked in partnership with the local Shirley McDonalds. A donation of 20 gift cards valued at \$50 dollars were purchased by the owner of McDonalds and distributed to students at a local school. The school chose students who were in need at this time of year. On December 19<sup>th</sup>, we had a party at the McDonalds for the students, school staff, 7<sup>th</sup> Precinct officers, Explorers and the management from McDonalds. After the party, the students were given the gift cards. The students along with their parents were then escorted to Kohl's where they were able to spend

their gift cards and shop with a Police officer or Explorer. This is the second year that McDonalds participated in this event.

- On December 12 we partnered up with a local organization called "Helping makes you happy" This organization donated toys to the local community. The 7<sup>th</sup> precinct, along with the organization founder, distributed the toys to local schools and students in the community.
- On December 15 we worked in partnership with another organization called Kids Helping Kids and EAC, which are local non-profit agencies. We collected toys and clothes and distributed them to local schools and children in the community.



Suffolk County Police Department officers and detectives from specialized units provide education and awareness programs and perform demonstrations on a regular basis in addition to their regular duties. Throughout 2017 more than 200 presentations and demonstrations were given by officers and detectives at outreach events at schools and community related fairs.

In addition to participating in Police Week, Canine and Emergency Service Officers conduct demonstrations throughout the year. Canine Officers conducted 70 demonstrations throughout the county in 2017 while Emergency Service provided static displays and conducted demonstrations at 34 events. Detectives and police officers from Identity Theft, Hate Crimes, Computer Crimes, Criminal Intelligence and Homeland Security/Emergency Management provided education and awareness presentations to community members and students at civic meetings, business conferences and local school districts and colleges. Topics such as Active Shooter, Safety in the Sanctuary, Internet Safety, Diversity and Bias, and Identity Theft were presented on nearly 100 occasions during the 2017 calendar year.

# **Community Response Bureau Goals for 2018**

The continued certification of interpreters and bilingual officers is a primary goal for 2018. The level of interest among first line officers remains strong and many new officers are coming to the Department with language skills. CRB will continue to prioritize testing with Language Line Solutions.

Implementation of interpretation protocols, especially in the field, must also improve in 2018. Once updating of online reporting of Language Assistance Tracking has been completed, training of personnel will be conducted specifically targeting the areas in need, such as mandated reported practices.

The Community Survey Program must also be overhauled in 2018. The CRB has met with Educators from local colleges and will solicit proposals from local colleges and universities to work with the Department to create and administer a meaningful survey, and provide the analysis of same.

Additional language learning opportunities for select personnel will be finalized in 2018 to ensure Department personnel's success in becoming certified as Department Authorized Interpreters. CRB will also solicit and incorporate feedback from local community groups who understand the specific language needs of their communities.

Finally, the CRB will again promote and track awareness of new Department Directives regarding language assistance. Many of the new policies and procedures that are overseen by CRB will again alter long-standing customs and procedures. The CRB will continue to work diligently to have necessary directives drafted, disseminated and implemented on a Department-wide scale, and will provide whatever resources necessary to ensure that the necessary changes in custom, policy and practice are made..