



Community Relations Report 2019



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Introduction

The Community Relations Bureau [CRB] fosters and preserves active and open avenues of communication between the Department and the diverse communities which it serves. In an ongoing effort to identify, understand and solve the contemporary public safety issues facing those communities the CRB continues to build lasting relationships founded on trust and mutual respect.

As part of its overall mission, CRB also supervises the 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”, “Let’s Talk”, “The Ugly Truth Series”, “Coffee With a Cop”, “Craft With a Cop”, “Teen Gaming”, “HERE Truancy”, Heroes and Helpers” and “Impact Truancy”.

The Suffolk County Police Department is enormously proud of the success its community relations programs have had in recent years and is fully dedicated to expanding these programs in the future to forge lasting and productive relationships within all the communities in Suffolk County.



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The Community Relations Bureau:

Deputy Police Commissioner Risco Mention-Lewis is a nationally recognized community leader and advocate. A former Assistant District Attorney, Deputy Commissioner Mention-Lewis is the first female, and the first person of color, to



hold her title in the Suffolk County Police Department. She has presented in an array of venues, ranging from local schools, churches and communities to national conventions and universities. In 2015 Deputy Commissioner Mention-Lewis was invited to the White House by President Barak Obama to discuss strategies for decreasing crime and incarceration.

Her work entails creating comprehensive programs to combat gang violence and recidivism through a synergy of intelligence led policing and community-oriented policing. She coordinates the development of Council of Thought and Action (COTA) groups across Suffolk County, and has spearheaded the Violent Group Insertion initiative which partners with school districts to identify and redirect young people who are showing signs of gang recruitment; evincing, “When we stop the entry...we have less reentry to do.” Deputy Commissioner Mention-Lewis oversees the Suffolk County Police Community Relations Bureau and is intimately involved with all aspects of community engagement, all while maintaining multiple chair positions on local steering committees and youth development and intervention efforts.

Lieutenant Paul Bowden was appointed as the Commanding Officer of the Community Relations Bureau (CRB) in March of 2019. Since joining The SCPD in 1993, Lieutenant Bowden has spent his career working and supervising patrol officers in the most diverse and economically challenged areas in Suffolk County. He is intimately familiar with the everyday challenges of police and community relations. He is responsible for the day to day operations of the CRB staff including Community Liaison Officers (CLOs), School Resource Officers (SROs) and PAL Officers. He is also the Police Department’s Language Access Coordinator (LAC), and is tasked with ensuring that the department is providing equal access to persons with limited English Proficiency (LEP). As a nationally certified Speech Language Pathologist, he employs his personal knowledge and experience in meeting the needs of those with limited and varied communication skills.

Sergeant Bonnie Raber is the Executive Officer of the CRB and has been supervising the unit since August of 2018. Sergeant Raber is one of the most



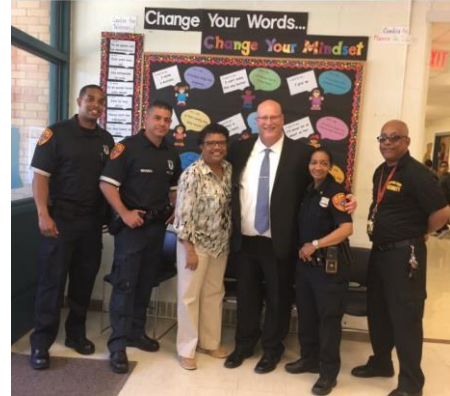
experienced community relations officers the county has ever had. She was one of the Department's original School Resource Officers, operating primarily out of the Central Islip and Brentwood School Districts. She has been a C.O.P.E. officer and supervisor, a Patrol Supervisor, and a Crime Section Supervisor where she was responsible for cases ranging from violent school incidents to the investigation of child endangerment and Domestic Violence. Her knowledge and experience in youth and gang violence prevention, investigation, and compassionate intervention is commensurate with the proactive community based intervention strategies vital to the success of CRB.

The **Police Officers of CRB** are a truly special group of individuals working as a cohesive team to build and maintain the important bonds with our neighborhoods, schools, houses of worship and other voices in the communities we serve. Our Officers possess a wide variety of talents and they reflect the diverse canvas of the communities they serve. CRB officers are more than just visitors to the community or employees of the county. They are members of the community, neighbors, coaches, friends and relatives. They drive the same roads, shop in the same stores, and play with their children in the same parks as those they serve. The officers of CRB go forth every day not only to educate, protect and serve, but to learn from those they interact with. When they do so with sincerity, enthusiasm and a willingness to listen, learn and communicate, that is when we are at our best. The following describes in some detail, an outline of the various jobs and functions of the CRB staff and officers.



Community Liaison Officer Program/COPE Officer Program

Community Liaison Officers [CLOs] and Community Oriented Police Engagement [COPE] Officers are assigned to CRB and detailed to each of the seven precincts, serving as a bridge between the Department and the communities it serves. They work with an array of individual community members, advocacy groups, business owners, school officials, and other governmental agencies to enhance community relations and to help identify important issues. The Department has seven CLO's throughout the county, one assigned to each precinct. In all, four of the seven are native Spanish speakers.



Our newest CLO, Officer Matias Ferreira, was assigned to the First precinct in 2019. He is a native Spanish speaker, an immigrant, and is also the first double amputee ever hired as a full duty Police Officer. His courage and determination have made him a shining example of what we can accomplish when we put our minds to a task. He joins a proud hard working team of officers and shares his story generously, inspiring not only the youth but many others who face their own adversity.

When not participating in organized events, CLOs and COPE Officers visit with community members and local organizations in order to increase crime awareness, crime prevention, and personal safety. They also coordinate with our Recruitment, Police Athletic League and School Resource Officers to assist them in providing training, outreach activities and presentations that are tailored to their communities.

CLOs and COPE Officers utilize social media such as Instagram, Nixle, Facebook, and Twitter to advertise events and programs in an effort to provide



the most up to date information possible. SCPD has eight different Twitter feeds, one dedicated to Headquarters and one for each of the precincts. The number of followers on SCPD Facebook has expanded to over 115,000 as of December 2019, and the SCPD Twitter feeds have a following of over





23,000. In 2019 SCPD Instagram followers have exceeded 16,880.

School Resource Officer Program

School Resource Officers (SROs) provide hundreds of informational presentations to high schools and middle schools across the County, including: **Prescription Drugs to Heroin, Gangs & Associated Violence, Diversity & Tolerance, Cyber Law and cyber bullying, Alcohol & the High School Student, Social Host & Pre-Prom, What to do When Stopped by the Police, Active Shooter, The dangers of Vaping, Vehicle Survival-Behind the Wheel, and Distracted Driving.** SROs make it their top priority to present these topics in a manner that engages young people and speaks to them in relevant terms. In turn, it is CRB's mission to make qualified SROs available to any school

district that requests, or will accept, assistance. Presentations and assistance are also offered to elementary schools as appropriate and when the SROs' schedules permit. SROs also conduct informational forums on topics such as, the Heroin epidemic, safe usage of the internet, and proper conduct in social settings. Throughout 2019 Vaping presentations were increasingly requested to address the growing concern over the use of Vape devices by youth in middle and high schools.

SROs assigned both to CRB and the individual Precincts meet together with CRB on a monthly basis in order to share information and receive group training. This ensures that all SROs possess the most current information concerning the schools in which they work. These monthly meetings and training sessions also enhance the consistency, accuracy and quality of the information that is provided to students county-wide.

One of the most important roles of the SRO's is to work closely with school officials in identifying at-risk youth. Officers engage these students through mentoring, and then guide them to resources in their area to help form more positive behavior and choices. In 2019 SROs continued mentoring programs in multiple school districts throughout the county.



In 2018, SCPD assigned an additional Spanish speaking SRO, Justin Fernandez to Brentwood Central School District to provide critical support to the students and administration. Officer Fernandez is specifically assigned to engage students at the middle schools and the Freshmen Center, and offers mentoring, classroom instruction, and after school engagement. He also works through the summer at organized sports and life skills programs. The Department continued this partnership through 2019, providing an additional mentoring and youth engagement program in Brentwood West Middle School. Officer Fernandez's empathetic approach to mentoring his students, particularly "students with interrupted formal education" (SIFE) provides a stable role model and source of guidance to those youth who have grown to trust and rely on him for direction and advice.

After the tragic active shooter incident in Parkland Florida, the Public School Superintendent's Association made requests to increase the number of SROs assigned within school buildings throughout the police district. Commissioner Geraldine Hart, Chief of Department Stuart Cameron, and members of the Homeland Security Section and CRB participated in numerous forums relating to school safety concerns surrounding active shooters. Starting in 2019, SCPD continued training additional patrol officers as SROs to provide dual service in addition to their duties on routine patrol.

In 2019 the Department ensured that their current SROs participate in active shooter exercises conducted by the Homeland Security Section and Special Patrol Bureau. Officers and supervisors were put through simulated events involving tactical drills such as hallway, stairwell and room clearing as well as rendering aid to victims and witnesses.

Recruitment Section

The SCPD Recruitment Section is responsible for actively recruiting qualified candidates for a career in law enforcement and for civilian positions with the 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, female, and Spanish speaking candidates in order to reflect the demographics of the communities served by the Department.

In June of 2019, the county held an open competitive civil service exam for the job of Police Officer. The SCPD “Secure Your Future and Ours” campaign was launched in December 2018 to advertise for this exam. It utilized a diverse group of current officers who shared their personal reasons of why they chose a career with our Department.

CRB had four full time officers assigned to Recruitment for the 2019 campaign. The Recruitment team attended local NAACP meetings, Latino community events, multi-denominational religious services, and job fairs at military bases, high schools and colleges. They partnered with influential members of minority communities to encourage Black, Latino, LGTBQ and female residents to consider SCPD as a viable opportunity for a career in law enforcement. They also utilized social media outlets such as Twitter and Facebook, as well as job search engines such as Linked-In and PoliceOne.com.

The recruitment effort was a resounding success. Senior recruitment officers Apryl Hargrove and Thomas Joy are both members of the United States military and worked diligently along with others to deliver the most diverse group of applicants the Department has ever had. Record numbers of female and minority applicants signed up for the exam, with over 36% identifying as belonging to a minority group. The county also maintained a separate hiring list for those applicants who are proficient Spanish speakers, and a minimum of 10 % of all new officers will be sourced from this list.

Similarly, our Efforts to recruit civilian positions within the Department including crossing guards continued in earnest in 2019. Recruitment Officers, CLOs, and other community officers distributed informational flyers which include numerous non-sworn positions such as Crime Analysts, Computer Technicians, and Forensic Analysts.

Police Athletic League

The Police Athletic League (PAL) is a recreation-oriented organization that utilizes sports and activities in order to tighten the bond between police officers and young members of the community. The goal of PAL is to engage our youth in hopes of decreasing the lure of gangs, drugs, and other destructive influences.



The program enables more than 20,000 children to engage in a variety of sporting events and activities, and 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 include cooking classes, karate classes, Swim for Survival, fishing trips, and the presentation “Crash Course in Crash Avoidance”.

In 2019 the PAL Soccer Program continued strong in Patchogue and Wyandanch and also expanded into Huntington. Wyandanch provided a weekly clinic for more than 90 youths who wanted to learn soccer skills, and Huntington attracted approximately 150 participants; while Patchogue’s Latino Soccer continued better than ever with over 200 participants in the program. The Patchogue program continues as a year round program with indoor soccer and basketball supported by the Patchogue Medford School District.



PAL also continues to support the Wyandanch Summer Youth Camp Program which provides 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. They attend numerous trips to museums, farms and parks, exposing them to new experiences.

During 2019, 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 SROs brought in volunteer chefs to teach valuable cooking skills in a fun and friendly environment. The officers assisted the



children as they prepared recipes designed by their guest chef. PAL sponsors 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 continued to spread to communities such as: Bellport, Brentwood, Central Islip, Gordon Heights, Centereach, Medford, Huntington Station, Wyandanch, Rocky Point, and many more are scheduled for 2020.

Officer Edward Groce has presided over the Brentwood youth PAL boxing program for the past eight years and the program continues to grow in popularity and success. Although the program has been around for almost forty years, 2019 brought unprecedented success. All current coaches and trainers are former youth participants who continue to stay involved with a program that helped shape their character and provide positive mentorship. That is perhaps the greatest example of how much these programs impacted the participants. In 2019 youth athletes have competed at highest levels, with one of our boxers reaching a pre-Olympic trial event and winning a gold medal in Europe at an international competition. As evident by the returning coaches, this program means a great deal to the youth and families in our community. This positive relationship involves a diverse group of kids coming together and staying focused under the watchful eyes of parents, coaches and a very concerned and vested PAL officer.

In 2019, PAL Officers continued a Read and Rec Program at the Wyandanch Family Life Center. The program which is run monthly provides engagement activities between SCPD officers and youth attending after school care, ages K-5th grade. PAL and First Precinct Officers read stories to the children then engage in craft or fun activity such as scooter races, giant parachute or painting pumpkins.



Outreach to those with special and unique needs requires innovative thinking and thoughtful initiative. In the summer of 2019, PAL Officer Brett Engmann initiated interactive PAL programs in a facility which houses hundreds of children and family members in emergency

or transitional housing. Providing in-house programs at a supplemental housing



facility can provide children and families a sense of normalcy and connection as a member of a community during a stressful time when they have been displaced from their homes.

The PAL goes far beyond community sports related leagues and activities. Officers have evolved their practices. The constructive interactions these officers have with at-risk and underprivileged youth have long lasting impacts.

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 Program is a goal-orientated program for individuals between the ages of 14 to 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. Participants 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.

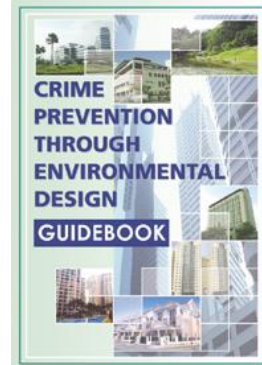
In 2019, 36 of our Explorers participated in the Explorer Youth Academy where they were instructed in physical fitness, defensive tactics, military drills and other areas of law enforcement practices. They were joined by several Sea Cadets, who are Coast Guard Explorers and together learned about law enforcement as well as working as a team.



Presentations 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. 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. CPTED trained officers assess the physical design of buildings including, landscape plans, interior and exterior lighting, access control systems, security features, and traffic control devices.



Car Seat Inspections:

The Suffolk County Police Department has 17 Community Liaison, COPE and School Resource Officers who are professionally trained to inspect and install car seats. Lead by Master Instructor, Officer Nancy Ward, SCPD partnered with Education Assistance Corporation (EAC) and hosted 54 car seat safety events



where 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. This partnership with EAC has continued through 2019 with CLO, COPE and SROs continuing to provide

outreach in this capacity. SCPD partnered with members of Adelante, a Latino advocacy group in Brentwood and Central Islip, to provide car seat inspection and installation to dozens of participants, 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 2019 ["Schools Against Violence in Education"]. As of December 30, 2019 417 S.A.V.E. hotline phones have been installed in 310 school buildings in 37 public school districts. In addition, 2 private schools and two local colleges have live hotline phones in their buildings. CRB 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. (Following the Parkland Active Shooter incident, the CRB contacted all public and private schools that were not part of the S.A.V.E. Hotline Program. These districts were again requested to commit to the S.A.V.E. Program and install active lines within their buildings.)

Youth Academy

SCPD has been hosting four Youth Academies each summer at the Police Academy. The Youth Academy provides teens age 14-18 an opportunity to experience the tasks and physical training that SCPD Recruits undergo. Two of the weeks are dedicated to minority youth through the Suffolk County Executive's Youth Bureau Program. In 2019, 225 teens, including 104 from the Suffolk County Youth Bureau Program, participated in the Youth Academy. The Department and the Youth Bureau worked directly with social workers from the Central Islip and Brentwood School Districts recruiting participants for the program. The CRB sent Officer Justin Fernandez, a Spanish speaking SRO to the program for the week as many of the attendees were bilingual and are Familiar with him.

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 teens in avoidance measures under dangerous driving conditions. During August of 2019 SCPD Emergency Vehicle Operations instructors provided one week of instruction to 40 teenagers to complete the program.

Swim For Survival

SCPD partnered with Police Athletic League sponsors to host a swimming program for youth at St. Joseph's College in Patchogue. The program offers very low cost swimming lessons for children provided by certified swim



instructors. The flyers for the program are distributed in both Spanish and English. The program has two sessions accommodating 20 swimmers per session. It has been a very successful program for the past several years.

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 2019, the Community Relations Bureau hosted 7 National Night Out events throughout Suffolk County. Each of the 7 Precincts simultaneously hold events, either at their local Target Store or at area parks. National Night out is always one of the most fun and positive events of the summer for the Police Department and the communities. Its success is due to the strength of the partnership between neighborhood and police organizers. Attendees are able view equipment used by specialized units such as Canine, Marine Bureau, Aviation and Emergency Services. Additionally, SCPD partnered with the FBI at 3 of the locations to help foster community feelings of safety with all law enforcement agencies. 2019 was our biggest year ever, more than 3960 community members attended the events countywide.



Impact Truancy

The Community Relations Bureau, in cooperation with William Floyd Middle School and the Education Assistance Corp. (EAC), conducted a truancy reduction program called "*Impact Truancy*". Lead by senior CRB Officer George Lynagh and Master Instructor Officer Nancy Ward, our CLOs, SROs met after school with 9th 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 2019, the program meetings continued during lunch periods at the Floyd Middle School to increase participation.

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 Series

In 2019 Community Relations Bureau continued to evolve this education and awareness program to proactively combat the prescription drug and heroin epidemic in Suffolk County. Community Liaison Officers have teamed with Suffolk County Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Michael Caplan to conduct these events, which were hosted primarily at local high schools. Initially, School Resource Officers provided “*Prescription Drugs to Heroin*” presentations to students in assemblies or classroom settings during school hours. This was followed by evening presentation of “The Ugly Truth”, which involved parents, students, faculty and other members of the community. SCPD EMT trainer Jason Byron provided information on the Good Samaritan law, discussed signs and symptoms of an overdose, and demonstrated how to administer Narcan. Participants were provided with an opportunity to practice assembly and administration of the Narcan nasal applicator, and were given two doses of Narcan for emergency use.



In 2019, these presentations were altered to adapt to the ever-changing information and threat to our communities. Ugly Truth presentations have been streamlined to avoid duplication of efforts and information, and have been offered at monthly precinct community meetings. Personnel from the Department of Mental Health and Hygiene attend to give family assistance and information to provide a hopeful view for recovery. SCPD has also 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 6300 community members have been trained in the use of Narcan since the program's inception.

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 seven 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 2019, over 8,188 pounds of unwanted pharmaceutical drugs were deposited at the seven police precincts. Since the program's inception in July 2010, over 56,420 pounds of medications have been collected. This program will continue in 2020.

Police Week 2019



In May of 2019 the Suffolk County Police Department hosted Police Week at Police Headquarters in Yaphank. Community Liaison, COPE and School Resource Officers engaged nearly 4130 students from elementary level through high school level over the 4-day event. All participants viewed demonstrations by specialized police functions such as EVOG 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. A civilian Crime Analyst provided an overview of her role with the Department, providing students an opportunity to see other job opportunities in policing.

In 2019, SCPD continued its partnership 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 to see first-hand the negative effects of distraction whether by texting or use of alcoholic substances upon driving and walking.



Women's/Senior's Self Defense

In 2019, SCPD Academy defensive tactics training staff as well as COPE Officers and local precinct staff provided instruction in basic skills of self-defense to women and senior citizens. Officers developed a program to provide safety awareness information and basic maneuvers that can be utilized by 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 instructors and female officers trained in the techniques as well.



Commissioner's Community Forums

In 2019, Commissioner Geraldine Hart hosted four open community forums. The purpose of these forums was to provide community members with a wide variety of information regarding contemporary practices and challenges of The Suffolk County Police Department as well as providing information on current crime statistics, Department recruitment efforts and DOJ compliance efforts. These meetings also provided an opportunity for the community to present questions and concerns to the Commissioner and allow for



an open dialogue with local advocates and community stakeholders. Also in attendance at these meetings are Precinct Command Staff and specialized department units who address topics that pertain to their particular areas of expertise. At these meetings, the Commissioner also presents awards to police personnel and civilian community members for their outstanding efforts in community engagement and enhancement.

Long Island Language Access Coalition (LILAC) Meetings

In 2019, Commissioner Hart and the CRB held three meetings with the Long Island Language Access Coalition (LILAC) and other advocates of the Latino community. These meetings were held in effort to provide the exchange of information and ideas in order to improve the Department's delivery of services to the Latino community, especially those with limited English proficiency (LEP). These meetings allowed for in-depth discussions regarding issues and challenges that are of particular concern to the growing Latino community in Suffolk County. LILAC and other representatives provided the Department with valuable feedback and direction that has been utilized to improve department training and translation practices. Meetings also provide further overview of the Department's progress in relation to the agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice.

Language Access

2019 was a momentous year for SCPD's efforts to enhance the delivery of police services to those with limited English proficiency (LEP) as well as those with unique communication needs. In April of 2019, the Department partnered with the Stony Brook University Department of Professional Development to introduce Spanish Language Education Courses in order to improve the skills of the Department Authorized Interpreters. These classes were offered in preparation for their certification tests which are conducted through Language Line Solutions. Bilingual officers are required to pass the DAI certification test with a minimum standard of seventy-five percent in order to be recognized as a DAI when providing translation services in the course of their duties. In January of 2019, the Department had eleven (11) Spanish speaking DAI's and 109 officers certified as bilingual. Following preparation classes and improved recruitment of Spanish speaking officers, by the end of 2019 the Department had certified forty (40) Spanish speaking DAI's and 142 bilingual officers. This was the largest increase and improvement of our language access enhancement in department



history. The availability of in person translation continues to increase throughout the Department.

Additionally, the Department offered a “Spanish for Law Enforcement” class to Department members who wish to learn or enhance their ability to communicate in Spanish. A six week class, taught by a Suffolk County Community College Spanish professor was offered to members of service from various commands and functions throughout the Department. The class was based out of headquarters and was live streamed to the individual Precincts via the Department VIPER (video education) system. Attendees included Chief of Department Stewart Cameron as well as officers from several commands such as Hate Crimes, Domestic Violence, Patrol, CRB, as well as Precinct command staff.

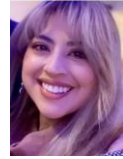
The Department also made some important technological advancements in the areas of Language Access in 2019. Patrol cars were outfitted with computer tablets that now have the capability to instantly access real time interpretation via cellular connection to Language Line Solutions. Officers in the field and throughout the county facilities can now open the Language Line application on their mobile tablets and choose from over two-hundred (200) languages to have interpreted by a live certified agent. The CRB also met with representatives from the deaf and hard of hearing community to gain insight as to the challenges faced in providing appropriate services. The collaboration resulted in the creation of a communication card that can be used to aid in providing emergency services. Furthermore, real time video American Sign Language interpreter services were also made available to department personnel via the Language line application. The Department is keenly aware of the ever-changing needs and technology regarding communication.

Latino Community Engagement

SCPD has continued to conduct *Vamos a Hablar* events to educate the Latino/Hispanic community on the role of the police department. Topics include the availability of language assistance services, the importance of reporting crimes, the reporting procedures for crimes, police misconduct, and hate crimes. These events are typically held at religious centers where residents tend to feel most safe and trusting of our officers. Other advocacy groups such as Adelante have continued their partnership with SCPD by providing venues to host this program, which Department tailors to meet the needs of their specific audience.



The Department's Civilian Community Liaison Advocate **Lizbeth Carillo** continued to strengthen the bond between the Department and the Latino community with her involvement in community events and her ability to relay pertinent information to and from the Department. She works directly out of the Commissioner's office and has been an integral part in changes directed toward education and engagement for the immigrant community. She provides interpretation services as an Authorized Interpreter and maintains the flow of information on the Department's Spanish language-Facebook page which in 2019 has more than doubled its previous year's followers to 1088.



Monthly Community Meetings

Each Precinct organizes a monthly meeting to 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.

Precinct command staff (Inspectors, Deputy Inspectors and Captains) also attended approximately two hundred meetings and events within the police district. These meetings included *Vamos a Hablar*, the Wyandanch 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.

Commissioner Geraldine Hart's Community Engagement



Commissioner Hart regularly attends a multitude of community based events that provide the public direct access to the direction and vision she has brought to the Department. Her interactions include awarding and recognizing local civilians for their humanitarian and charitable acts, informative lectures, speaking engagements in houses of worship, and presentations to students of all ages throughout the county. In addition to her Community forums and LILAC meetings, she has met with local civic leaders



such as, Village Officials Association, Chambers of Commerce meetings, Port Jefferson Station /Terryville Civic Association, and L.I. Against Domestic Violence. Commissioner Hart spearheaded our cooperation with Stony Brook University to bring free mobile mammography screenings to needy communities' local events. She has worked in unison with local EAC ("Empower Assist Care") networks bridging gaps between the SCPD and the public, and addressing mental health and substance abuse challenges. She can also be seen at local sporting events such as charity running events and other sports events and fundraisers lending her support to organizers and participants.

Commissioner Risco Mention-Lewis' Community Engagement-

Among the most prominent hallmarks of Commissioner Lewis' tenure is her passion for youth intervention and gang suppression and community re-entry. Through her efforts, the SCPD has secured a number of grants to address undocumented youth and MS13 recruitment. The Community Based Crime Reduction grant and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency grants have funds totaling \$2,199,678, of which 57% is slated to address undocumented, ENL and at-risk youth intervention in the neighborhoods of Brentwood, Central Islip and Bayshore. Deputy Police Commissioner Lewis utilizes the DOJ Comprehensive Gang strategy and has created steering committees thus far in Brentwood and Central Islip. Those committee meetings include community members, school districts and various community based organizations.



The Brentwood Steering Committee calls itself the Brentwood Youth Initiative (BYI) and has 40 members. They conducted summer programs focused on undocumented youth and Students with Interrupted Formal Educations (SIFE). The BYI conducted surveys to determine the population's interests and provided summer programs which included a culinary, electrical and art programs. The art students were also afforded the opportunity to attend the Nicaraguan Consulate to display their art. The electrical students took a field trip to the electrical union, while the culinary program taught various Central American cultural dishes as requested by the students.

The Central Islip committees started recently and are awaiting the results of their interest surveys. Some of their active partners include local school districts but also the Unaccompanied Children International Rescue Committee and the National Family Reunification Support Network. Another aspect of the Grant plan is to convene a group of Pastors who can work with the school to meet with



families of truant youth and families who appear to have economic instability. The Pastors group, *Familias Fortificadas*, has had a number of meetings and is led by SCPD Chaplain Pastor Alexi Acevedo, who is also an immigrant from El Salvador. Pastor Acevedo was trained in Trauma Informed Care by SCPD; and he translated presentations and trained additional groups of Latino Pastors.



Precinct and Local community engagement:

The mission of community relations and engagement is not the exclusive responsibility of the CRB. The SCPD actually has over 2400 community relations officers, because every single member of our department represents us with every interaction they have with our neighbors. Every aided case, vehicle stop, call for service, response to a victim of a crime, and every casual encounter, affects the manner in which we are perceived and ultimately judged.



The expectation of excellence starts at the very top and extends all the way down to the officer on patrol. For example, Chief of Department Stuart Cameron who recently learned how to speak Spanish, is just as willing to roll up his sleeves and work side by side with officers building a home for Habitat for Humanity. This leadership style is ubiquitous and frequently modeled; setting a clear tone throughout the department.



Catalogue of Events:

Copliague Community Cares Monthly Meeting. CSU and COPE officers met with various community members of Copliague to discuss drug prevention and crime statistics on 2/5/2019.

Lindenhurst Chamber of Commerce Meeting. CSU and CLO officers met with various community members of Lindenhurst to discuss local concerns and crime statistics on 1/9/2019 and 2/13/2019.

Traffic Safety Meeting. A First precinct officer met with Town of Babylon Traffic Engineer and Town of Babylon officials at Babylon Town Hall to discuss traffic safety issues in the confines of the First precinct.

Wheatley Heights Civic Group Meeting. The Wheatley Heights Civic Group invited the Commanding Officer of the First precinct, COPE, and CLO officers to attend the meeting. Leaders of the Wheatley Heights Civic group wanted to introduce the Commanding Officer to the local community and present certificates of appreciation to the COPE officers. The commanding officer spoke to the local community about crime statistics/quality of life issues and the CLO officer spoke about the upcoming police exam.



Meeting with Deacon Phill Mills. SRO, COPE, and CLO officers met with Deacon Phill Mills from Our Lady of Assumption Church to organize a spring event -Soccer/Fun- for children at the church.

Recruitment. CLO officer met with several prospective applicants for the upcoming SCPD police exam and spoke about becoming a police officer at SUNY Farmingdale.

La Fiesta 98.5 Radio Station. CLO officer was invited to the radio station to discuss about becoming a police officer in Spanish during a live broadcast.

El Salvador Consulate. The Consul General from the El Salvador Consulate of Brentwood wanted to introduce the Commissioner of SCPD and a CLO officer to the Hispanic community during a Facebook live stream. The Commissioner of SCPD clarified concerns in the Hispanic community and the CLO officer acted as a translator between the Commissioner and the Consul General.

7-Eleven Opening Ceremony. Commanding, Executive, and CLO officers were invited to participate in the Ribbon Cutting event at a 7-11's grand opening in West Babylon on 1/30/2019.

Coffee With A Cop. Commanding, Executive, CLO, COPE, CSU, and First precinct patrol officers interacted with the community at Starbucks, Copiague on 2/8/2019 and Babylon Town Hall, Lindenhurst on 3/15/2019. Coffee With A Cop is an opportunity for police officers and community members to get to know each other and build a better relationship.

Homeless Outreach Program. COPE and CLO officers assisted the Dept. of Social Services to locate the homeless and provide food and shelter on 2/13/2019 in the confines of the 1st precinct.

Wyandanch Youth Services Outreach Program. CRB and CLO officers organized several activities for approximately 50 children at the Wyandanch Youth Services on 1/25/2019 and 3/15/2019.

Bingo With a Cop. Commanding, Executive, COPE, SRO, and CSU officers participated in a Bingo Event at N. Amityville Senior Center on 2/26/19. This event was an opportunity for the police department to interact with the local senior citizens by interacting and playing Bingo together.

Cub Scout Award Ceremony. Local community leaders and CLO officer were invited to Susan E. Elementary School in Copiague to present the Awards to a group of Boy Scouts on 3/8/19.

Coffee with a Cop. CLO, COPE, CSU, and First precinct patrol officers interacted with the community at 7-Eleven, Copiague. Coffee with a Cop is an opportunity for police officers and community members to get to know each other and build a better relationship.

Assemblywoman Jean-Pierre Trunk or Treat – COPE and CSU officers along with the 1st Precinct Explorers decorated a SCPD patrol vehicle and tent with Halloween decorations and distributed candies to children during the event at Tanner Park, Copiague.

Homeless Outreach Program - COPE and CLO officers assisted the Dept. of Social Services to locate the homeless and provide food in the confines of the 1st precinct.

Vape Presentation/Translation. CLO and SRO officers of the First Precinct were invited at Copiague Middle School, Copiague to give a presentation on vaping. The presentation was given to 9th grade students in English and Spanish.



Operation Medicine Cabinet- Officers provided an opportunity for community members to clean out their medicine cabinet and safely dispose of expired or unwanted prescription drugs. This helps keep our seniors, kids, pets, and the environment safe. 1st Pct. Officers regularly schedule operation medicine cabinet at senior centers, fire departments and public libraries.

Career Day- CLO and SRO officers attended career day at Huntington High School, Huntington. Students learned how to become a police officer. The presentation was given in English and Spanish by the officers.

Volunteering at Miraculous Medal Church- CLO, COPE a SRO officers assisted the church in collecting and distributing food.

Procession at Our Lady of Assumption Church, Precinct Officers assisted the church with traffic during the procession.

The 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. at Amityville Memorial High School.

Heroes and Helpers - CLO, COPE, CSU, and First precinct patrol officers went Christmas shopping at Target, 100 Willow St, Farmingdale with 50 underprivileged youths from Wyandanch. All the children received gift cards for shopping.

Cops Who Care - NY State Troopers, Supervisors, CLO, and Recruitment officers participated in the distribution of food and clothing at the parking lot of Assembly-Christian Church, 368 America Blvd, Brentwood.

CSU along with the 1st Precinct Explorers have attended numerous events to include Bike Rodeo, National Night Out, Numerous food drives for the Babylon Town Pantry at the Shop Rite in West Babylon, The Hispanic festival in Copiague, Deer Park Fire Department Safety Day, Red Ribbon Week, Lindenhurst Holiday Trees, Shop w/ a Cop. In addition to events attended, CSU set up 7 neighborhood watches in the Lindenhurst and Copiague areas.

2nd PCT Family Service League Meeting: CLO meets regularly with the Family Service League. It is a non-for-profit organization which is located at 90 E 5th Street Huntington Station. Meetings are to discuss future events and collaborate

School Safety Meeting: Community Safety Forum regarding school security throughout the Town of Huntington School Districts. School districts presented what security measures might be implemented in the future. SRO officers explained to the public how the Police Department responds to various School Incidents including threats of violence and Active Shooter situations. The SRO is part of the building level, district level and the threat assessment team which meet regularly to enhance school safety.

South Huntington Civic Association Monthly Meeting: SCPD personnel attend the South Huntington Civic Association monthly meeting in order to provide a forum for interaction with members of the South Huntington Community at the South Huntington Public Library.

Community Conversations: A monthly meeting hosted by community leader Dolores Thompson and attended by numerous local community organizations and community members. During these meetings the 2nd Pct. Command Staff addresses community complaints and concerns.



Officers and community members also provide information regarding upcoming events in the community.

2nd Precinct Soccer Program: In collaboration with PAL, the Town Of Huntington, School Officials and Community Leaders, the 2nd Precinct organized a free soccer program for over 200. Kids varied from 2nd to 8th grade from the Town of Huntington. Spring, summer and fall programs were highly attended and successful.

Have Breakfast With Me: Inspector Scrima, Community Liaison Officer and Community Support Unit Officers attended breakfast event organized by Willie Perez from Light Of Salvation Church and hosted by Pastor Dan Rivera from Assembly of God Church. Officers served food, spoke to kids about making right choices and internet safety, and handed out gifts to kids ages 6-16.

Homeless Outreach: During a handful of the community meetings, many residents raised concerns of homeless individuals in the Town of Huntington. As a result the 2nd pct. COPE in collaboration with the department of social services (DSS) now conduct homeless outreach events monthly. 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

Precinct Tour: COPE Officers had several Cub Scout packs come to the Second Precinct for a tour and discussed operations of the police department, use of specific equipment, and safety. Tour of precinct included arrest room, cell area, detective squad room, precinct crime section, and the front desk.

Skating with a Cop: Children from the Tri-CYA (Tri Community and Youth Agency) went ice skating at Dix Hills rink with COPE Officers.

Lockdown Drills: Officers participated in multiple lockdown drills. Some locations included, but are not limited to, the Apex Nursing Home in Huntington, the Canon Building in Melville, Elwood Middle School, Harley Ave Primary School, Boyd Intermediate School, Wilson Tech Boces in Dix Hills, The Long Island School of the Gifted in South Huntington, St. Anthony's High School, St. Patrick's elementary school and most schools within the eight public school districts in the township of Huntington.

Stranger Danger: COPE Officers went to several preschools and spoke to children about the daily workings of the Suffolk County Police Dept., stranger danger, seat belt safety, and bicycle safety.

Cooking with a Cop: COPE Officers visited Western Suffolk Boces Manor Plains High School and interacted with students in a cooking class. Students and officers worked together learning different recipes, and creating meals, all while building relationships and answering questions about law enforcement.

Hanukkah Celebration: COPE Officers interacted with members from the Huntington community while attending Walt Whitman Shops Hanukkah Celebration, which was presented by the Chabad of Huntington. (Was this 2019?)

Operation Medicine Cabinet- Officers provide an opportunity for community members to clean out their medicine cabinet and safely dispose of expired or unwanted prescription drugs. This helps keep our seniors, kids, pets, and the environment safe. 2nd Pct. Officers regularly schedule operation medicine cabinet at senior centers, fire departments and public libraries.



Coffee with a Cop- Several events where various hosts provide a forum for officers and community members to get to know one another in a casual setting. Hosts provide coffee and community members come to voice their concerns, ask questions and/or complaints to the command staff and precinct officers.

National Night Out- A yearly event to benefit community-police relationship and crime awareness was hosted on August 6th, 2019 with nearly 1000 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 August 2019, the 2nd pct. hosted a PAL sponsored fishing trip. Many at-risk youth from the Tri Community Youth Agency and the South Huntington School District Mentoring Program did attend. 2nd precinct officers cooked hot dogs, and gave out drinks and snacks for lunch while out on the boat.

Painting with a Cop: COPE and CLO interacted with several members of the Huntington community at the Walt Whitman Shops and 2nd Precinct for step by step instructional painting classes. Community members painted, while interacting with local police officers.

2nd Precinct Easter Party: COPE, CLO, and the 2nd Precinct Police Explorers held an Easter Party at the Second Precinct for members of the Huntington Community to come and celebrate Easter with local police. There were crafts, balloon animals were made, and family pictures were taken with the Easter bunny.

Community Service with a Cop: COPE officers attended community service projects for teenagers to complete at Half Hollow Hills Library and South Huntington Library.

Diwali Celebration: Command staff and police officers attended Diwali event at BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Melville, where officers participated in the festival of lights celebration.

Hope Day: Command staff and COPE officers attended Hope Day at Manor Field Park, where members of the Assembly of God Church and hundreds of residents of the Huntington Community gathered in celebration to brighten everyone's spirits and provide entertainment and food.

Summer Youth Connection- Police Night: COPE Officers held a Police Night for Children at Summer Youth Connection Camp, where specialized units such as, ES, Aviation, K9, and Crime Scene educated the children on each officer's role within the police department.

Bike Safety Rodeo: The SRO and CLO took part in a bicycle safety rodeo at the Jack Abrams STEM School. Students were shown the proper ways of mounting and dismounting a bicycle, how to properly fit a helmet on their head, and the rules of the road. Bikes for kids in America, a non for profit organization, donated bicycles, helmets, bicycle locks and t shirts.

Back to School Backpack Giveaway: CLO and CSU hosted a backpack giveaway event at the 2nd Precinct. Over 200 backpacks were given away to kids in need. Backpacks were filled with school supplies. Kids enjoyed music, free Slurpee coupons, and a bounce house.

Walt Whitman Shops "Touch a Truck & Beer and Bacon Festival: Officers from the 2nd Precinct participated in these two events hosted by The Walt Whitman Shops. Officers interacted with the community answered questions, and allowed youth to sit in patrol cars.



Mock Interview Day: The SRO participated in a Mock Interview Day at Walt Whitman High School, where he interviewed numerous students as if they were on a job interview.

Car Seat Installation: CLO and SRO officers at the Second Precinct installed and inspected car seats in community member's vehicles to insure child safety.

Turkey Giveaway: Inspector Scrima, CLO/COPE/SRO and multiple precinct officers participated in turkey giveaway to underprivileged Huntington community. Over 2500 turkeys, household items, coffee, and food were distributed.

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

Teen Pregnancy Advisor Board Annual Conference: CLO collaborated with Legislator Spencer, The Suffolk County Teen Pregnancy Advisory Board, & The Economic Opportunity Council of Suffolk to host the annual conference for students and professionals. The conference was on the "Power To Say No: Self-Care, Positive Parenting, Empowerment".

Holiday Dinner: Inspector Scrima, Community Liaison Officer and a Community Support Unit Officer attended Assembly of God holiday dinner. Officers served food to the congregation and interacted with the youth.

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 and are attended by CLO and COPE officers.

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- SCPD officers work in collaboration with community based initiative led by Senator Monica Martinez and the EOC of Suffolk. Put in place to continue to build upon community projects to enhance its residents.

Central Islip DRI Project- COPE officers involved in the Central Islip Downtown Revitalization Initiative. The project is meant to

- Enhance Quality of life
- Improve Central Islip's Downtown as a source of economic growth
- Retain and attract a diverse group of people to live in the area.
- Ensure growth and investment for everyone in the community.

Brentwood Community & Suffolk County Community College Coalition- COPE and CLO Officers on the board partner in its efforts are to reduce underage alcohol use, tobacco, and drugs consumption on the SCCC campus and surrounding communities.



Town of Islip Opioid/ Heroin Task Force- COPE AND CLO officer on this board headed by Town Supervisor Angie Carpenter and YES Programs Mary Ann Pfeiffer to continue to find options and resources to combat Long Islands Opioid epidemic.

The 3rd Precinct held “Vamos Hablar” presentations January through April at various locations, including Brentwood Library Adult English class and Adelante Senior Center programs. Some of the presentations were held at churches during Wednesday evening and Sunday Mass.

LILTA Men's Conference at Hofstra University - The 3rd Precinct CLO, Eiffel Ramirez, was a panelist at the 2019 Annual Men's Conference. 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.

Car Seat installations - 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.

Third Precinct 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 3rd 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 is done monthly with a DSS representative.

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. Monthly locations include Islip Senior Center, Brentwood Senior Center and Westfield South Shore Mall.

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 2019 the 3rd Precinct Explorers volunteered and participated in many events including marching in the Bay Shore and Brentwood Saint Patrick's Day Parades, Senator Martinez Easter Egg Hunt, and several cleanup projects in various communities throughout the precinct. In the second half of 2020, the 3rd Precinct Explorers volunteered and participated in many events including marching in the Bay Shore and Brentwood

St. Anne's Church Mass – Chief of Department Stuart Cameron, Chief Waring, Inspector Soto along with COPE officers and the CLO officer attended Spanish mass and at the end of mass Chief Cameron addressed the crowd of nearly one thousand community members in Spanish. He assured them that the police are here to serve everyone in the community and not to be afraid to seek police assistance when needed; as well as letting the congregation know together and unity we are a stronger community.

Career Days - COPE officers and CLO officer participated in career day at the Brentwood Freshman Center.



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.

Cooking Classes - COPE/SRO/CLO & PAL officers in partnership with Brentwood High School Adelante and My Brothers Keepers members 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.

Coffee/Pancake 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 and Brentwood with plans of expanding the program to other communities in the future. The 3rd Pct also partnered with IHOP for its first Pancake with a cop that helped raise funds for “The Fallen Patriots” foundation.

Third Precinct Family Movie Night – “Family Movie Night” is 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.

Third Precinct Neighborhood Watch programs - Neighborhood Watch (NW) 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 neighbors and law enforcement officials in their combined efforts to prevent crime. 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.

Bay Shore Lions Club- Conducted a Senior Safety presentation for members and guest of the local Lions Club.

Latino Community Advisory Committee at Shirley-Mastic Public Library- 3RD Pct CLO assisted in community engagement efforts incorporating bias-free policing and collaborative problem solving tactics to foster and strengthen police and community relationships, particularly with the Latino community. Meeting attended by Police commissioner Hart.

Make The Road March- Officers assisted in safety of marchers/ protesters fighting for undocumented immigrants to access NYS Drivers licenses. Protesters marched from Make the Road offices on Suffolk Avenue in Brentwood to DMV in Hauppauge.

5th Grade Homework Challenge – The 3rd Precinct challenged all the 5th graders at Southeast Elementary School in Brentwood. The challenge was to complete all the school years homework and 4 assignments giving to them by the 3rd Pct. CLO. Every student who accomplished this



task was taken to East Islip Lanes for bowling, a pizza party, and ice-cream. Over 45 students complete the challenge in 2019.

Stop the Bleed in Spanish with Stony Brook Medicine: SCPD partnered with Stony Brook Medicine at Brentwood Library to bring the community its first Bilingual 'Stop the Bleed' presentation. When encountering someone with severed uncontrolled bleeding at home, at work, while driving, or related to a catastrophic event, such as an active shooter or explosion, there may not be time to wait for medical help arrives can save lives.

Heroes and Helpers (Target Store in Bay Shore) - Community collaboration between Target and 3rd 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.

St. Luke's Church Mass - Inspector John Rowan along with COPE officers and the CLO officer attended Spanish mass. SCPD personnel explain that the police are here to serve everyone in the community and implore people not to be afraid to seek police assistance when needed.

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 53rd Annual Puerto Rican/ Hispanic Day parade up 5th Ave. in Brentwood is a historic parade in the community which brings those in this diverse community together to celebrate Latino culture, music, and food.

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. One of the largest events of the year it is attended by Command staff, Police Commissioner Geraldine Hart, COPE & CLO officers.

Trunk or Treat - joined colleagues, friends and members of the community in Brentwood and West Islip 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 3rd Precinct attended and participated in "Trunk or Treat" to interact with all the "trick or treaters" and community members.

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 Community Relations Bureau officers.



Bohemia Civic Association Monthly Meeting: Discussed new and ongoing community issues. Recent crime trends, notable incidents, notable arrests and safety tips as they relate to theft.

Woodgate Village Monthly Meeting: Monthly security meeting. The Fifth Precinct officers discussed safety issues and other community concerns.

Madres Latinas Amigas Monthly Meetings: The Precinct Inspector, CLO and COPE officer interacted with the Madres Latinas Amigas. The purpose of the Madres Latinas Amigas organization is to assist and encourage one another. Inspector Silva addressed attendees and answered questions/concerns. Officers promoted upcoming police exam which took place on June 15, 2019 and discussed requirements/process.

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. CLO and COPE officers attended and reported current crime trends and community issues.

Great South Bay Coalition Monthly Meeting: The purpose of the Great South Bay Coalition is "To empower our communities to promote mental health and physical wellness in an effort to reduce the impact of substance abuse". CLO and COPE officers attended and reported overdose statistics and other drug/alcohol related community issues.

Medford Taxpayers Civic Meeting: Monthly meeting. The Fifth Precinct officers discussed safety issues and other community concerns.

Greater Sayville Civic Association: Monthly meeting to promote civic engagement by the community and discuss various issues and concerns throughout the Sayville/W. Sayville area. Discussed how the crime stats trended for the Sayville area for 2019 as compared with 2018. Discussed recent crime trends in the area particularly larcenies from unlocked vehicles. Reported overdose statistics for 2018 and 2019. Discussed how the public and the Police Department must work together to deal with criminal activity within their community.

Nature's Bounty Meeting: CLO and COPE officers met with representative of Nature's Bounty Company in Bohemia. Representative requested to have local patrol officers walk through company buildings, 15 locations within the Fifth Precinct.

Missing Person Event Meeting: 5th Precinct CLO attended a meeting for the Missing Persons Day Event which took place on May 18, 2019, an event which offered residents information on how and when to file missing persons reports. Participants offered detailed information about the event as well as worked through some of the logistics in order to make the event successful.

Suffolk County Upcoming Police Exam recruitment : County Executive and 5th precinct CLO attended several congregations (Tabernaculo De Restauracion a las Naciones Ministerio, Bread Of Life Fellowship World Outreach and Prince of Peace Church) promoted the police entrance exam which took place on June 15, 2019 and discussed requirements/process. CLO and COPE officers promoted upcoming exam on FaceBook Live, Finest Fitness Sports Club, Boys and Girls Club, Madres Latinas Amigas Meeting, Town of Brookhaven Hispanic Advisory Board, St. Patrick's Day Parade in Rocky Point and several Civic/Association meetings.



Boys and Girls Club, North Bellport: Community Outreach. CLO and COPE officers interacted with at risk youths 5-19 years of age and assist with homework, play sports and attend special events within the context of the Boys and Girls Club after school outreach programs.

Patchogue PAL Indoor Spring Soccer Program: CLO and COPE officers working with the Madres Latinas organized an indoor winter soccer program to be held over the winter at Medford Elementary School. Nearly 100 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.

Lighthouse Mission, North Bellport: Community Outreach. Interacted with at risk youths within the context of their after school program for middle school and high school students.

Donations of Clothing: CLO and COPE officers donated clothing including winter jackets and backpack with school supplies to local charities such as, Light House Mission, Patchogue-Medford Youth Services and Patchogue Head Start to be distributed to the needy.

St. Joseph the Worker Food Pantry: COPE officer interacted with church volunteers at St. Joseph's the Worker and clients within the context of the evening food pantry program.

Precinct Tours: CLO and COPE officers provided an interactive tour which gave young men/women and their parents a look at the inner workings of a Police Precinct.

Bayport-Blue Point Career Day: Community Outreach. CLO and COPE officers met with six high school students and five special needs students to discuss career opportunities. Officers escorted students to Aviation Unit, Emergency Service Unit and Crime Scene Section.

Wyandanch Youth Services PAL Program: CLO attended Wyandanch Youth Services to participate in activities with 40 children.

William Floyd Middle School presentations: CLOs and SROs discussed policing as well as answered questions from students and staff.

Bay Elementary School Police Presentation: CLO and COPE officers discussed with 4th and 5th graders the 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.

Medford Elementary- Police Presentation: CLO and COPE officers discussed with 4th and 5th graders the 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.

Patchogue Lioness Club, Scam Presentation: COPE officers gave presentation discussing scams (ex. IRS, PSE&G, Grandma Scam, etc.) that target senior citizens. Officers informed attendees of the more common scams that have affected Suffolk County residents and gave tips to avoid becoming a victim.

Great South Bay Lioness Club, Scam Presentation: COPE officers gave presentation discussing scams (ex. IRS, PSE&G, Grandma Scam, etc.) that target senior citizens. Officers informed attendees of the more common scams that have affected Suffolk County residents and gave tips to avoid becoming a victim.



B'Nai Israel Reform Temple, Safety Presentation: Safety and the Sanctuary Presentation provided by SCPD Homeland Security. CLO provided literature such as upcoming SCPD Police exam, Crime Stoppers, 852-NARC and Did you Know (5 Point Card).

Boys and Girls Club 1st Annual Cultural Empowerment Event: CLO attended an evening of inspiration, unity and empowerment. Performances included stage performances and talent show. Food and beverages were provided to the guests. CLO interacted with children and adults within the context of the event. CLO promoted upcoming SCPD Police exam scheduled for June 15, 2019.

Long Island Latino Teachers Association "Women's Leaders Paving Paths for Young Women": The purpose of the event was to inspire and motivate many female students to graduate from high school and pursue a college degree/program by helping them match their passion with a career path. CLO interacted with Latina students from Suffolk County High Schools. CLO shared information on profession, personal journey, passion, college degree and jobs which have been performed with preparation so the students can realize that education is transformation.

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.

Ronkonkoma Civic Monthly Meeting: Community Outreach. Attended monthly Civic Association meeting to address the needs and concerns of the members of the community.

Merimac Watch Meeting: Discussed ongoing speeding issues and zombie houses within the Holbrook community.

Cops vs. Fathers Basketball Game Meeting: Coach Powell from Bellport High School Varsity Girls Basketball, discussed setting up a basketball game of officers playing against local parents, players and coaches. Powell's "Fathers Club", an organization that mentors young fathers, will participate in the game. COPE officer to assist in organizing.

Parkland Civic Association: The Fifth Precinct officers discussed safety issues and other community concerns.

Boys and Girls Club, North Bellport: Community Outreach. Officers interacted with at risk youths 5-19 years of age and assist with homework, play sports and attend special events including "Cooking with a Cop" within the context of the Boys and Girls Club after school outreach programs.

In conjunction with the Department of Social Services, CLO and COPE officers canvassed neighborhoods of the Fifth Precinct to locate and assist the homeless during extreme weather conditions.

Summer Jobs Youth: Officers collaborated with social workers from Bellport High School to help low income at risk youths to fill-out job applications for Suffolk County Department of Labor Summer Youth Work Experience Program.

Police Appreciation: Officers attended law enforcement appreciation ceremony at Canaan Elementary School in Patchogue. Officers discussed policing as well as answered questions from students and staff.



Install/Distribute Pedestrian Safety Signs in the 5th Precinct vicinity: Officers installed flyers at bus stops and railroad stations at the Fifth Precinct vicinity. Flyer was also distributed at the Patchogue-Medford Library and posted on social media.

Fed Ex Walk Through: Officers toured the facility and discussed the logistical problems of a Police response to such a large and active facility in the event of an Active Shooter situation. Received copies of the inside floor plans of the facility and an emergency contact list to be filed at the 5th Precinct.

Hands Across Long Island (HALI) Homeless Outreach: Homeless outreach. Officers in conjunction with HALI (Hands Across Long Island) assisted with mobile shower trailer.

Compass Unity: Officers assisted Compass Unity an organization dedicated to preventing drug and alcohol abuse through education and community activities. Organization held a Teen Alcohol Awareness activity by putting stickers on local pizza restaurant boxes.

Bellport Head Start Pedestrian Safety Presentation: Officers discussed with 3-5 years old children pool safety, bike safety, seat belt safety and stranger danger. Officers gave children SCPD coloring books.

BOCES- Motor Vehicle Accident Role Play: Officers assisted teachers with a motor vehicle accident role play scenario where high school aged students act as police officers, complainants, witnesses and paramedics.

Bayport Montessori- Safety Presentation: Officers discussed with 3-5 years old children pool safety, bike safety, seat belt safety and stranger danger. Officers gave children SCPD coloring books and 7-eleven slurpee coupons. Children were finger printed and provided with index cards SCPD rules to remember.

Lions Club, BluePoint- Senior Scam Presentation: Officers presented a Senior Scam presentation to the community members. Discussed phone scams, identity theft and burglary prevention. Members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Patchogue-Medford Youth and Community Services- Police Presentation: Officers presented a Safety presentation to youths within the context of their after school program at Oregon Middle School, Bay Ave Elementary and Canaan Ave. Elementary. Officers discussed what it is like to be a Police Officer, stranger danger and internet safety followed by a Q & A.

Empire State Program, Bellport Middle School: Officers attended the Empire State Program at Bellport High School. SCPD partnered with Economic Opportunity Council of Suffolk, Inc. to support the development and implementation of educational and prevention programs and services. Officers provided several presentations, followed by Q&A.

Patchogue Head Start, Safety Talk Presentations: Officers discussed with 3-5 years old children pool safety, bike safety, seat belt safety and stranger danger. Officers gave children SCPD coloring books.

Patchogue-Medford Library Coffee with a Cop: Officers facilitated two events where community members are invited to spend some time and talk with local officers in a relaxed setting. Events were held.

Mastic Ambulance Company and North Patchogue Fire Department Car Seat Events: Officers participated in the North Patchogue 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 by EAC Network. EAC often partners with SCPD to conduct car seat inspection events for the public.

Patchogue Head Start Carnival: Officers attended school's end of year pre-school graduation ceremony and outdoor celebration. Officers distributed informational flyers to adults as well as interacted with children.

Fifth Precinct Girl Scout Flower Planting: Local Girl Scouts volunteered to plant donated plants and flowers to spruce up the Fifth Precinct. Officers interacted and assisted girl scouts plant flowers.

YMCA KidFest Day: Officers participated at event by promoting Suffolk County Police Exam and collected unused medicine from members of the public.

Crime Victim Forum, Congregational Church: An event to raise awareness about crime victims' issues and rights. Officer informed the community of important resources and services provided by the Suffolk County Police Department.

Patchogue Village Camp Police and EMS Day, Bay Avenue Park- Presentation and Safety Lecture: Officers 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.

Patchogue Head Start, Safety Talk Presentations: Officers discussed with 3-5 years old children pedestrian and bus safety. Officers gave children SCPD coloring books.

Community Ambulance Safety Surge: Officers 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.

National Night Out: The Commanding Officer and 5th Precinct personnel 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.

6th Annual Brookhaven Highway Safety Day: Car Seat Event: Officers conducted car seat inspections. Inspected car seats to see if properly installed, recalled and/or expired/damaged. Educated parents how to properly install the seats.

Day for Kids Event at Boys & Girls Club: To establish a day to celebrate and honor children through the gift of meaningful time. Officers showed children police vehicle and distributed coloring books and 7-Eleven Slurpee coupons. Officers provided bike helmets.

Merrimac PTA Picnic: Officer participated in a program which gave children an opportunity to be introduced to the police in a relaxed environment. Officer showed children police vehicle and distributed coloring books and 7-Eleven Slurpee coupons.

Idle Hour Elementary- Bike Safety Rodeo: Officers interacted with children from kindergarten-5th grade. Officers participated in the program with bike safety checks, helmet inspection, and assisted with bike course. Children were given 7-Eleven Slurpee coupons



Mammography/Ident-a-kit at St. Joseph's the Worker: Partnered with Stony Brook Hospital Mammography Van and St. Joseph the Worker Church to provide mammographies and ident-a-kit to the community.

Backpack Giveaway at Robert Rowley Park, Bellport: Senator Monica Martinez hosted a backpack/school supplies give away at the Robert Rowley Park. Officers set up mini soccer field and coordinated youth to play several games involving officers and community members.

CEED- Bike4Nature and Fall Festival: Officers participated in the Brookhaven CEED Center's Bike4 Nature and Fall Festival Event. Officers patrolled on bikes during the bike-a-thon and then set up a resource table to distribute bike helmets, safety vests, coloring books and 7-Eleven Slurpee coupons.

Connetquot Touch a Truck Event: Officer participated in a program which gave children an opportunity to be introduced to the police in a relaxed environment. Officer showed children police vehicle and distributed coloring books and 7-Eleven slurpee coupons.

7-Eleven Bohemia Ribbon Cutting Event: Interacted with business owners and community members. Provided informational literature, coloring books, 7-Eleven Slurpee coupons and Halloween Safety book marks.

First Responders Recognition: Officers attended law enforcement appreciation ceremony at Compass Unity and Patchogue-Medford High School.

Hispanic Heritage Event: CLO attended a celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month Event incorporating elements of Latin Culture, featuring dance, food and music.

Lincoln Elementary Community Fair: Officers attended Lincoln Elementary Community Fair. Displayed police vehicle and gave 7-Eleven Slurpee coupons and SCPD Coloring Books.

Sayville Library Breakfast "The Great Give Back": CLO and representatives of local charitable and civic organizations and other community partners attended a breakfast at Sayville Library. The event offered a day of opportunities for the patrons of the public libraries of NYS to participate in a meaningful, service-oriented experiences.

Halloween Theme Event: CLO attended a Halloween Theme Event for a 4 year old female with cancer. Many community members as well as SCPD gave her gifts/candies.

East Moriches Fire Department Open House: Purpose of event is to foster community awareness and involvement amongst the residents of the community. CLO interacted with the community members. Officer set up a table and shared resource information with the community.

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.

Heroes and Helpers at Sayville Target: Fifth Precinct officers took 30 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.

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

MLK Unity Walk, Coram- On January 19, 2019 6th Precinct COPE and CLO officers participated in a community event highlighting diversity, acceptance and cultural awareness. Community



residents, Longwood School teachers/administrators, Longwood Community Connections all collaborated to create event highlighting unity while celebrating the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. SCPD CRB officers were involved in recruitment efforts during community event.

Ride Along Requests- Local schools in Precinct boundaries reached out to 6th Pct CLO to request job shadowing opportunities for their students. Student opportunities were coordinated with the assistance from patrol supervisors.

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

District Attorney Community Meeting, Selden - DA Sini discussed changes made to staffing and new commands formed under his leadership. Philosophy changes explained including alternatives for defendants battling drug addiction. Spanish interpretation made available and Language Access Plan were explained. 6th Precinct CLO was available for questions and answers with attending community members and civic leaders.

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 6th Precinct collaborated with staff and volunteers to conduct youth outreach cooking classes. COPE attended and participated in an Easter Egg Hunt on March 31st. Church representations have now partnered with 6th Precinct CLO & PAL to build a community basketball program for at-risk youth to be hosted in the Gordon Heights area (starting 2019). Additionally, on November 1, Axis Church, Child Protective Services, and 6th Precinct COPE/CLO hosted a cooking class with at-risk youth that are currently in CPS-related programs. Finally, in December, COPE assisted in distributing winter jackets to families (primarily Latino) in need promoting positive engagement with uniformed law enforcement.

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, vaping. CLO and COPE officers also conduct cooking classes to promote positive engagement between uniform POs and at-risk students. Visits: 1/23/19; 1/28/19; 2/11/19; 3/27/19;

Suffolk Community College, Selden Campus- COPE, CLO and CRB (including Recruitment Officers) officers were invited to participate in a student-community forum to discuss community-oriented policing and recruitment for 2019 SCPD Entrance Exam. On February 27, COPE discussed with Criminal Justice Club how PD works to create and foster relationships with youth groups, churches, local businesses, civic organizations and more within our jurisdiction. A Q & A forum for students and mostly responded to inquiries about requirements for how to become a police officer and various facets of a law enforcement career. Secondly, a recruitment seminar was hosted on SCCC (Selden Campus) to discuss details/ job opportunities about the upcoming exam. 6th Precinct CSU & CLO at event to assist with event and interact with attendees.

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. Uniformed police officers also attended community celebrations at St. Michaels with youth and community leaders.

Stranger Awareness collaboration with Rose Brucia Program- To educate, discuss and promote awareness pertaining to dealing with strangers. Officers discussed the daily functions of police officers and fostered positive interpersonal relationships with the students in attendance, including large Latino population. Practical uses of 9-1-1 were discussed including the important information that would be needed if/when dialing 9-1-1. Role-plays for effectively identifying strangers and escaping unsafe situations were analyzed. This event was held at Lynwood Elementary on 1/9/19.

Homeless Outreach with Department of Social Services – 6th Precinct COPE, CLO, representatives of DSS, Pax Christi, and various supporting agencies successfully made contact with various homeless individuals. During contact time people were provided options for housing and general, specifically in areas of Coram and Port Jefferson Station. Additionally the stated grouped checked on resident reported known 6th Precinct homeless gathering areas to provide opportunities for assistance. Multiple individuals appeared to be receptive to options and assistance that were offered.

Comsewogue Library Engagement – COPE/ CLOs presented information to staff on multiple occasions during formally scheduled training time by library officials. Discussion included safety protocol for interacting with problem/hostile individuals. Discussion also included language services offered by SCPD, particularly because location services a large Latino population. Additionally, COPE/CLO advised director of facility through updating process of facility's safety hazard written plan.

Community Engagement, Main St Farmingville: Informal meet/ greet, drop- ins with Latino business owners/residents in the Farmingville area. CLO & COPE promoting community events and establish new contacts in the main street area.

PAL Introduction to Sports Youth Outreach Community Event, Gordon Heights/Medford- On 4/14/19, 6th Precinct CLO, PCS, CRB and PAL officers coordinated an outreach event inviting neighborhood youth ages 5-13 to participate in sport stations, with no previous experience necessary. Community residents, Longwood School teachers/administrators, Gordon Heights community leaders all assisted in promotion of event, hosted at Granny Road Park. Positive engagement exchanged between diverse, multi-cultural youth and police department personnel. Giveaways and prizes supplied by PAL provided for participants.

Gordon Heights Summer Recreation & Engagement- 6th Precinct CLO, PAL, and CRB supervisors held meetings with Suffolk County Legislature and Gordon Heights community leaders to plan recreation community events for youth outreach during summer 2019. Funds to be allocated from county budget to benefit at risk youth in Gordon Heights community. SCPD personnel confirmed their desire for positive engagement at said events to be planned.

School Visits/Presentations- 6th Precinct COPE/CLO maintained and cultivated relationships with staff/youth at numerous schools in the 6th Precinct. Visits provide positive engagement for students with uniformed police officers; additionally create forum to allow students to ask law enforcement questions and be informed on the community role of a police officer. 5/17/19; 5/21/19; 5/22/19; 6/3/19; 6/25/19

Longwood School District Empire Program- Program provided via state funding for at-risk JHS youth that were not involved in organized activities. Program representatives invited SCPD



personnel to visit for positive engagement. 6th & 7th Precinct CLO's arranged and coordinated cooking/healthy meal lesson with community partners at ShopRite supermarket. Additionally PAL, COPE and SRO officers participated in cooking event on 4/4/19. At-risk youth engagement with uniformed department members had very positive results.

Cornerstone Church, Medford (Gordon Heights) Conflict Resolution – 6th Precinct CLO and CRB SRO met with pastor and his wife discuss/document details of ongoing conflict between Church representatives.

6th Precinct Command Staff Meetings with Mosque Chaplain- Ongoing meetings between command staff and Mosque officials for positive engagement and discussion of how department can best support a mosque during times of need.

Axis Ball Island Basketball Clinic, Gordon Heights/Medford – 6th Precinct CLO & PAL officers partnered with members of this community group to create a youth outreach basketball program. PAL met and communicated with Town of Brookhaven officials to secure park availability for program. The 6th Precinct sent personnel on a weekly basis during 8-week program to positively interact with participants during outreach program. Program leaders/coaches were vetted through PAL for youth safety. Multi-cultural, diverse program thrived during inaugural season. Future initiatives to be planned in Gordon Heights community.

Sunshine Prevention Center, Port Jefferson Station- an alternative education and prevention center for at-risk 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., transitions. CLO and COPE officers also conduct cooking classes to promote positive engagement between uniform POs and at-risk students. Visit: 5/15/19

Communication with AACP, Brookhaven Chapter- Officials/Leadership from NAACP began attend 6th Precinct Monthly meetings after previous interactions at community events. NAACP officials invited SCPD officials to attend a monthly NAACP meeting to discuss community relation efforts. 6th Precinct CLO and CRB representatives, Lieutenant Paul Bowden and Officer Apryl Hargrove attended and discussed prior and upcoming community events. Additionally, opportunities for positive engagement were provided to all attendees. Relationship between NAACP officials and SCPD members is developing future community initiatives.

Visit/Youth Outreach to St. Michael's Activity Center, Gordon Heights - 6th Precinct COPE & CLO did attend numerous youth outreach sessions in the 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 the Police Department. 6th Precinct CLO and KO Cares collaborated for special community outreach event hosted at Sky Zone. At risk youth were provided opportunity to participate with 6th Precinct Explorers for fun-filled activities at recreational center on 6/20/10.

Latino Homeless Outreach at PSEG Property, Holtsville- 6th Precinct COPE and CLO visited with Hispanic population living in wooded area owned by PSEG. These visits were after a violent incident had occurred between individuals on the property. Officers offered alternative housing and services to people apparently living on property. PSEG officials were preparing to clear area for safety reasons.

Engagement with community advocates – COPE unit sent invitations to community advocate to notify of monthly community meetings. Additional contacts made by COPE to offer special events



and opportunities for low-income/in-need families. Advocate organizes legal, educational, and community outreach in Suffolk County on issues ranging from police accountability to education reform.

Ugly Truth Presentation, Hunter Business School Medford- 6th Precinct COPE, and Community Relations Bureau presented opioid awareness presentation in cooperation with the Medical Examiner and Police Academy EMT personnel on 4/11/2019.

Bowling event on 07/30/19 at Port Jeff Bowl, Port Jefferson Station – provided at-risk and community youth opportunity to bowl with uniformed officers.

Kid's Clubhouse (FKA Boys & Girls Club) Youth Outreach, Port Jefferson Station- Officers made multiple visits to summer camps to engage with youth, including craft activities. Visits provided opportunities for positive engagement between police officers and at-risk, multi-cultural youth.

Summer Camp Visits- 6th Precinct COPE/CLO & CRB officers cultivated relationships with staff/youth at numerous facilities in the 6th Precinct. Visits provide positive engagement for students with uniformed police officers; additionally create forum to allow students to ask law enforcement questions and be informed on the community role of a police officer.

Longwood School District Community BBQ- An annual program that promotes diversity and unity via community forum. 6th Precinct & 7th Precinct CLO's in attendance provided resources at table and giveaways and positive communication between officers and attendees (students, families, and district employees).

National Night Out - a community-police awareness-raising event was hosted by Town of Brookhaven Centereach Pool Complex on August 6, 2019 with over 1000 attendees. Collaboration included Town of Brookhaven Government Officials, Middle Country Library and 6th Precinct officers. Vendors included local civics, agencies, businesses and entertainment. COPE, CLO, CSU, Police Explorers, Police Commissioner and Command Staff all participated in this events success.

La Fiesta Community Event, Brookhaven Amphitheatre – 6th Precinct PCS and CRB bi-lingual officers went to a large Latin music concert event. Positive engagement between uniformed officers and attending crowds.

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Port Jefferson Village Outreach - 6th Precinct & 7th Precinct CLO with CRB officers/supervisors did perform bicycle patrol numerous times in the village area in response to requests for increased uniform presence in the business district.

Multi-Cultural Day, Farmingville- 6th Precinct CLO, CSU and CLO in attendance for diverse, multi-cultural community event celebrating the various cultures of the Farmingville area. Event organizers predominately Latino, have cultivated positive relationships with officer's at precinct through previous community engagements. Resource table set-up and numerous interactions with attendees resulted in positive communication between department personnel and community members.



Community-University Day, Stony Brook University – 6th Precinct CLO & CRB SRO did attend diverse, multi-cultural community event to represent department. Officers provided an intoxication simulation goggles, simulation walk & turn exercise for attendees.

Gordon Heights Day, Medford- 6th Precinct COPE, Command Staff, CSU and CLO in attendance for diverse, multi-cultural community event celebrating history of Gordon Heights. Resource table set-up and numerous interactions with attendees resulted in positive communication between department personnel and community members.

Sixth Precinct Vamos a Hablar: One More for Jesus Church, Farmingville- CRB CLO officers were able to provide turkeys to families identified by community advocates to be in need of assistance. During visit to a bi-lingual uniformed police officer spoke to attendees about department policy and community relations. Language services were discussed in detail and how they can be obtained via SCPD during interactions with police officers. Q & A forum between community members and attending officers.

Heroes & Helpers Community Event with Target - Community collaboration between Target, 6th Precinct Cops Who Care and SCPD to provide underprivileged youth and/or families in crisis an opportunity to do holiday shopping with SCPD officers, military and EMS volunteers in Target, Centereach. Target staff, 6th Precinct Explorers, and uniformed officers (CLO, COPE, CSU, Patrol, Command Staff, CRB) did assist and interact in a positive manner with attendees/families during shopping event.

Teen Night: This is a program that was set up by the Mastic Beach/Shirley Library on Friday nights to give teens in the community a place to come play games, work on the computer, and listen to music or just hang-out with their friends. At least once a month the COPE officers stop down and get involved in the teen activities. SCPD has received such positive feedback from the teens. Students have started opening up to us and feel comfortable talking to us about things they may be feeling. 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.

Family Connect Night: This is a program that we have been participating in for three 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 like to join this event and interact with the community. The students and families like when we participate in the games and family challenges. We are able to interact with a lot of families at this event. This also allows families and students to view police in a different way.

Craft with a Cop: (Tie Dye) This year we participated in a event at a local middle school. With the help of the school and the art teachers we made tie dyed shirts with the students. It was a fun event with over 60 middle school students participating.

Kickball with a Cop: Another new activity we continued in 2019 was kickball with students. Our officers participated in 4 events this year ranging in ages from elementary school students to middle school students where we were able to go into different schools and have kickball games with the students. The students had a great time and expressed that they felt very comfortable interacting with us.

Work out with a Cop: In 2019, SCPD officers continued a program that we brought into high schools called "workout with a cop". This program was started in 2017 and aims to get into Junior



and Senior gym classes in an effort to build a trusting relationship between high school youth and the police department. This is done 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 throughout the school year.

Boy and Girl Scout meetings where the children visit the 7th pct and Stranger-Danger issues are discussed along with a tour of the facility on 2/18, 10/22, 10/25, 11/4, 12/2/2019

Senior Self-Defense Class at Leisure Village on 11/20/19 located at 402 Bridgewater Dr. in Ridge, COPE Officers instructed seniors on protecting themselves.



Events and Outreach of Other Units

Most of the events and engagements above were hosted and initiated by the Community Relations Bureau, but many events and other forms of outreach were also initiated and carried out independently by officers from all different commands in the Department. For example:

- ❖ The Department's new unit dedicated to fighting Sex Trafficking provided multiple presentations including:
 - 2nd Annual Social Work Resource Fair - Hosted by LIU Brentwood Social Work Club with Feride Castillo;
 - Women's Diversity Summit moderated by Rebecca Bonanno Youth Services Association;
 - SCPD College interns;
 - Axis Church; Mather Hospital Staff and Suffolk Emergency Room Nurses Association;
 - Sayville Congregational Church, Refugee Luncheon.

- ❖ Thanksgiving Food Drive/Giveaway, November, 2019- Sixth Precinct Officers organized a food drive and collection. Food was then purchased and packaged for delivery at Eastern Suffolk Boces. At facility students engaged with officers to prepare food to be sent home with identified families.

- ❖ Holiday Photo Event – Through various community contacts, multi-cultural families in-need were provided an opportunity to take professional holiday portraits at no cost. Photos were taken by SCPD Officer Lynn Volpe, who is a professional photographer in collaboration with 6th Precinct Patrol, *6th Precinct Cops Who Care*, Selden FD & local business sponsors. Families had opportunity for positive engagement with uniformed PD personnel and enjoy complimentary portrait and meal.

- ❖ Officers from each precinct worked in cooperation with Toys for Tots collecting toys for children during the holidays. This is done by local officers in all Precincts independently. Additionally, extra toys that were collected throughout the county were distributed to local Precincts to be given away during the holidays by patrol and gang suppression officers the course of their duties to children in need as well as those who were witness to or involved to traumatic incidents.

