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LEGISLATOR STERN PARTICIPATES IN FIRST RESPONDER PIN CEREMONY

Honors First Responders who also serve in Military



Pictured l-r: Christopher Schiavo, Deer Park Fire Department, Legislator Steve Stern, Second Assistant Chief Alan Berkowitz, Dix Hills Fire Department

HUNTINGTON, N.Y. - Suffolk County Legislator Steve Stern (D-Huntington) 16th L.D., participated in a special ceremony to award Veterans Pins to First Responders who have also served our great nation in the military. Special pins were created as part of a program to recognize those who serve our community both locally, as firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians and in the armed forces. Legislator Stern awarded pins to Christopher Schiavo of the Deer Park Fire Department (DPFD) and to Second Assistant Chief Alan Berkowitz of the Dix Hills Fire Department (DHFD).

Christopher Schiavo is a 26 year member of the DPF, served as Chief from 2000-2008 and currently serves as a Fire Commissioner. A Lieutenant Colonel in his 31st year of service in the United States Air Force, he serves as Liaison Director for the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. He is a pilot in the Aviation Unit of the Suffolk County Police Department, is president of the Suffolk Police Veterans Association and is a member of the Sons of Italy and the Knights of Columbus.

Alan Berkowitz is an Advanced EMT-CC and serves as Second Assistant Chief of the DHFD, where he has been a member for 15 years. He was deployed at Ground Zero in the aftermath of the attacks on our nation on September 11, 2001 and was awarded Town Chief of the Year in 2014. He is a Major in the Air Force Reserves Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corp. He led a unit that aided in the prosecution of Iraqi terrorists and currently serves as an Administrative Law Judge.

“I am proud to honor Christopher Schiavo and Alan Berkowitz and recognize their extraordinary commitment to our nation and to our local community,” Legislator Stern said. “Their skill, dedication and sense of duty is unmatched and I join with all of the residents of Suffolk County to thank them for their service.”