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## Legislator D'Amaro Joins First Precinct Officers, Helps Residents "Shed the Meds" At Babylon Pharmaceutical Disposal Event



*Pictured center, Suffolk Legislator Lou D'Amaro (D-North Babylon) joins First Precinct Police Officers at the "Operation Medicine Cabinet" pharmaceutical disposal event on March 13.*

*(NORTH BABYLON, NY... March 22, 2010) -- Studies have found that the improper disposal of medications can have unintended negative consequences. Flushing these substances may result in groundwater contamination and simply throwing them out in the garbage provides an opportunity for abusers to gain easy access to the discarded products. As part of Suffolk*

County's ongoing efforts to reduce these inappropriate medication disposal practices, Suffolk Legislator Lou D'Amaro (D-North Babylon) was pleased to join First Precinct Officers at the "Operation Medicine Cabinet" event on Saturday, March 13. The program, held simultaneously at each of the seven Suffolk County Precincts, was a great opportunity for community residents to safely hand over their medications to law enforcement personnel for proper disposal.

"With prescription drug misuse on the rise, especially amongst teens, it is important that we get unused and unneeded medications out of our homes and away from potential abusers," Legislator D'Amaro said. "I thank both the First Precinct for hosting the program and community residents for showing how much they care about their families and the environment by coming out and participating in this event."

For information on upcoming programs, contact Legislator D'Amaro's office at (631) 854-4433.

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