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Legislator D'Amaro Recognizes First Precinct Officer For Deer Park VFW 'Top Cop' Honors



Pictured from left, First Precinct Lieutenant Robert Waring joins Suffolk Legislator Lou D'Amaro (D-North Babylon) in honoring Police Officer Matthew Colonna on being named the Edward K. Peisker VFW Post's "Top Cop."

(NORTH BABYLON, NY... February 24, 2011) – Suffolk Legislator Lou D'Amaro (D-North Babylon) recently visited the Suffolk County Police Department's First Precinct headquarters to present a Proclamation to Officer Matthew Colonna in recognition of being named the Edward K. Peisker VFW Post's "Top Cop."

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In November 2010, Officer Colonna was assigned to burglary patrols in response to a series of commercial burglaries that had recently occurred along the corridors of Deer Park Ave., Grand Blvd. and Long Island Ave. in Deer Park. Officer Colonna familiarized himself with the crime pattern and conducted intensified strategic patrols. During one of these patrols, Officer Colonna witnessed a suspicious subject on a commercial property on Deer Park Ave. As he approached the subject, the individual quickly fled.

Officer Colonna immediately established a perimeter and requested assistance from both the K-9 and Aviation units. Shortly thereafter, the subject was apprehended. It was later determined that this individual was responsible for a number of commercial burglaries in both Deer Park and the surrounding communities.

“Officer Colonna’s diligent and alert actions led to the incarceration of a career criminal and put an end to a troubling burglary pattern in our community,” said Legislator D’Amaro. “His efforts restored safety and peace of mind to the residents of Deer Park.”

Officer Colonna was named “Top Cop” by the Deer Park VFW at the organization’s 65th Anniversary Dinner Dance in January. The Edward K. Peisker Post annually honors one police officer whose brave and heroic efforts have positively impacted the Deer Park community.

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