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**Legislator Muratore Honors Officer Steve Turner,  
a Local Hero**



*Photos: Legislator Tom Muratore (left) with SCPD Officer Steve Turner. Also photographed in photo on left is Officer Turner's wife, Susan, and twin daughters Kerilynn and Melinda.*

**Selden, NY** – At the November 17<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Legislature, Suffolk County Legislator Tom Muratore (R-Ronkonkoma) honored Suffolk County Police Officer Steve Turner of the Highway Patrol SAFE-T team for saving the life of a man who collapsed. Officer Turner received a standing ovation as Legislator Muratore presented a proclamation to commemorate the following events, which occurred on October 5, 2015:

*Officer Steve Turner was-off duty and had just finished playing deck hockey at a local Sports Arena. Upon exiting the arena, he heard people yelling in distress, and found a man lying motionless on the ground. Officer Turner immediately used his training to provide emergency medical care. He began CPR and applied an AED. The patient, Ray Hawkins of Smithtown, an NYPD Sergeant, was without a pulse after several attempts. Officer Turner persisted, and Sgt. Hawkins finally resumed breathing, although still unconscious. When help arrived, he was transported to University Hospital at Stony Brook and had emergency surgery to repair blockages to his heart. Sgt. Hawkins was unconscious for five days, but upon gaining consciousness, was deemed to have 100% brain functions. His recovery is a direct result of Officer Turner's quick and heroic action.*

“Officer Steve Turner is a true hero. It is my extreme pleasure to recognize him for his quick thinking and act of bravery, performed while off-duty,” stated Legislator Tom Muratore. “This honor is well deserved, and I congratulate him on a job well done. I was also happy to learn that Sgt. Hawkins resumed all brain function, and wish him all the best.”