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Legislator Tom Muratore Reminds Community to Shovel Out Fire Hydrants After Heavy Snowfall



Selden, NY —Legislator Tom Muratore (R-Ronkonkoma) is asking all residents, businesses, schools and other municipalities to please help maintain public safety by shoveling out fire hydrants covered in snow.

According to the Farmingville Fire Department's website, "An accessible and properly functioning fire hydrant is a vital part of any firefighting operation. Please avoid piling snow on or around fire hydrants. If possible, especially during very heavy snowfalls, take a few extra minutes to 'adopt' your nearest fire hydrant by clearing the snow from around the hydrant. This improves firefighter's ability to quickly locate and access the hydrant in an emergency."

"This winter has provided a few major storms so far, and won't be over for several weeks," commented Legislator Muratore. "I have had calls from concerned constituents regarding this crucial matter. Let's help our dedicated volunteer firefighters and other first responders find the hydrants quickly during an emergency. After a storm, please shovel the area around a fire hydrant if it's in front of your house or building. It's a simple good neighbor policy, and the precious minutes or even seconds saved could be a matter of life or death."