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PROTECT THE PROTECTORS: STATE FARM® AND CANARY NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR FIRST RESPONDERS COMES TO SUFFOLK COUNTY

Suffolk County Legislators William J. Lindsay III and Monica R. Martinez to present 500 First Responders from Sayville, Bohemia, Bayport, Blue Point, Holbrook, Oakdale, Central Islip, and Brentwood with Free Home Monitoring Devices

Monday, March 28 @ 6:00 p.m. -Community Ambulance Company, Sayville

State Farm, the nation's largest insurer, and Canary, the fastest growing home security startup, bring their national *Protect the Protectors* campaign to Suffolk County.

Protect the Protectors recognizes the contributions of first responders by providing home monitoring devices to those who put their lives on the line to keep communities safe. The program identifies communities of first responders across the country, and donates Canary home monitoring devices to police, fire and EMS professionals for use in their homes, providing these heroic men and women with peace of mind that their family and home is protected while they are out protecting their community.

Canary devices will be donated during a ceremony at the Community Ambulance Company, 420 Lakeland Avenue, Sayville at 6:00 PM on Monday, March 28. Suffolk County Legislators William J. Lindsay III (8th District) and Monica R. Martinez (9th District) will be on site to present the donation.

The partnership builds on an existing relationship between State Farm and Canary, announced last year. Suffolk County, NY is the second community selected to participate.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, there were nearly 1.3 million fires reported in the United States in 2014.

- These fires caused 3,275 civilian deaths, 15,775 civilian injuries, and \$11.6 billion in property damage.
- In 2014, fire department personnel responded to a fire every 24 seconds...time spent away from protecting their own home and family.

According to Federal Bureau of Investigation, there were an estimated 8.2 million property crimes reported by law enforcement.

- Financial losses suffered by victims of these crimes were calculated at approximately \$14.3 billion.
- In 2014, a property crime occurred 3.5 seconds...in many of these instances the homeowner was not home when the crime occurred.

WHAT: Protect the Protectors Canary Donation to First Responders

WHO: Suffolk County Legislators William J. Lindsay III and Monica R. Martinez; Local State Farm Agents; 500 First Responders from Sayville, Bayport, Blue Point, Bohemia, Oakdale, Holbrook, Central Islip and Brentwood

DATE/TIME: Monday, March 28 @ 6:00 PM

WHERE: Community Ambulance Company, 420 Lakeland Avenue, Sayville, NY 11782