

# SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE



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### **Suffolk County Legislator Robert Trotta Congratulates Three New Eagle Scouts from St. James Troop 301... Luke Cocchi, Ross Panagiotopoulos and Nicholas Takach**



*Pictured before Troop 301's roster of Eagle Scouts are the troop's newest Eagle Scouts, from left, Luke Cocchi, Nick Takach and Ross Panagiotopoulos with Suffolk County Legislator Robert Trotta (center).*

(Smithtown, NY)...Suffolk County Legislator Robert Trotta (R-Fort Salonga, NY) and other local officials, as well as a representative from the St. James Fire Department, 4<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct, the Long Island Exotic Car Club and members of VFW Post 395 came out to salute Boy Scout Troop 301's newest Eagle Scouts. The national anthem was sung by St. James resident Caitlin Beirne, whose brothers, Thomas and Christopher, are also Eagle Scouts in Troop 301.

Luke Cocchi's constructed an 8 foot by 40 foot closet with a roof, which sits on the stage in the gym of St. Patrick's School for his Eagle Scout Project. The closet is composed of three separate compartments to be used by the school's drama club, youth group and custodial staff. Luke designed it to look like an old fashioned school house.

For his Eagle Scout Project, Nick Takach built four gun safety stands and a gun rack for the Suffolk County Hubbard Park. Nick designed the stand to keep the shooter from being able to swing the gun around and to always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.

Ross Panagiotopoulos did his Eagle Scout Project for the St. James Fire Department, where he constructed a wood framed kiosk that provides important information about 9-11 Memorial. He also used a steel column from the North Tower of the World Trade Center for the centerpiece

"This is a tremendous honor to be bestowed on these young men while they are still in their teens. It is an award that they will have for the rest of their lives and, today, at this Eagle Court of Honor, they have made their families, scout leaders, fellow scouts, community and government officials very proud," said Suffolk County Legislator Robert Trotta.