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Get your Free Smoke Alarm and Save a Life! **Suffolk, Nassau, and Red Cross Encourage Residents to be Fire Smart**

Suffolk County Legislator William R. Spencer, M.D. and Nassau County Legislator Siela A. Bynoe have joined forces with the American Red Cross of Long Island to spread the word about a new initiative, which will save lives. The *Home Fire Preparedness Campaign* aims to educate and encourage families to take fire prevention steps to protect their loved ones; starting with having functioning smoke alarms. Statistics show that nearly two-thirds of all fire-related deaths occur in homes that have no operating smoke alarms. Through the program, the American Red Cross will provide and install smoke alarms, free of charge, to interested residents, with a goal of reducing fire-related deaths and injuries across the nation by 25% by 2020.

WHAT: Press Conference to promote fire preparedness campaign and announce Huntington Station Installation Event.

WHO: Suffolk County Legislator William R. Spencer, M.D., 18th Legislative District
Nassau County Legislator Siela A. Bynoe, 2nd Legislative District
Elizabeth Barker, Interim Chief Executive Officer at American Red Cross on Long Island
Joseph Kuethen, Fire Marshal, SC Dept. of Fire, Rescue, & Emergency Services (FRES)
Huntington Manor Fire Department
Invited: Town of Huntington Officials

WHEN: **TODAY, Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 12:30pm**

WHERE: Huntington Manor Fire Department
1650 New York Avenue
Huntington Station, NY 11746

Subsequent to the press conference on March 10th, a smoke alarm installation event in Suffolk County will be held on Saturday, March 12th in Huntington Station. The Nassau County event will be held on Saturday, April 9th in the Village of Hempstead. Those interested in learning more, or signing up for a **FREE** smoke alarm installation, can call (516) 229-1086 to reserve their spot.

*****All Members of the Public and Media Are Welcome and Encouraged to Attend*****

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