From left to right: Lieutenant Donohue, Legislator Calarco, Councilwoman Kepert, Pastor James Ryan

Farmingville, NY - The gun buyback, held at the Lighthouse Mission in North Bellport, collected over 80 guns and high capacity magazines, including two AK47s. The buyback was the brain child of Councilwoman Connie Kepert and Suffolk County Legislator Rob Calarco. The Councilwoman and Legislator organized the event to remove illegal guns from circulation, reduce accidental shootings, suicides, and enhance community safety.

"It was a very successful event and I am very proud of what we accomplished. Thank you to our generous donors, and SCPD, particularly Lieutenant Donahue for all their guidance and assistance," stated Councilwoman Kepert.

Both the Councilwoman and Legislator were motivated to organize the event due tragic events such as Sandy Hook. "We are all acutely aware of the tragedies that occur when guns get into the wrong hands. Gun buybacks are a simple way to take illegal guns out of circulation and help to avoid future tragedies," stated Councilwoman Kepert.

"This buyback was a very successful event. We were able to take some very dangerous weapons off the streets, including four fully automatic guns, making our communities safer," stated Legislator Rob Calarco.

The funds for the buyback were raised with private donations totaling over $26,000, the bulk of which came from the Knapp-Swezey Foundation. An additional buyback will be planned in the near future.