

Councilman Panico and the Town Board Honor Hero Suffolk County Police Officer Joseph Goss

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Farmingville, NY – On January 24, Councilman Dan Panico (right) and the Brookhaven Town Board honored Suffolk County 7th Precinct Police Officer Joseph Goss (center) for risking his life when he jumped through the passenger side window of a moving car driven by an impaired woman. Joining Officer Goss for the presentation were his wife Lisa, children Lillian and Owen and Suffolk County Police Deputy Inspector Stan Grodski (second from right).

Officer Goss was responding to numerous calls about a vehicle driving dangerously slow on the Long Island Expressway near Exit 68 during rush hour and inclement weather. When Officer Goss caught up to the vehicle, he noticed that there was a toddler in a safety seat, and he immediately sprang into action. He pulled his police vehicle over to the shoulder and as the car drove by, he jumped in through the open passenger side window and was able to successfully maneuver himself to put the car in park. Because of Officer Goss' brave actions, both mother and child were unharmed, as were other motorists. Councilman Panico, who was driving home on the Expressway at the time, actually witnessed the officer's heroic action.

Councilman Panico said, "Officer Goss is a hero. He put himself in an extremely dangerous situation to protect the lives of others, and I was honored to be able to recognize him for his bravery."

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