

Supervisor Romaine, Councilman Panico and Town Board Honor Police Officer Joseph Verdi of Manorville

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Farmingville, NY – Brookhaven Town Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilman Dan Panico, along with fellow Town Board members, recently paid special tribute to Suffolk County Police Officer Joseph Verdi - a 10 year veteran of the Department – for actions that were instrumental in diffusing what could have been a deadly situation.

On January 28, 2016, Officer Verdi was the first to arrive on scene in response to a 911 call that was received reporting a vehicle driving west in the eastbound lane of Sunrise Highway. Officer Verdi acted immediately by turning on his lights and conducting a “slow roll,” meaning he slowed down his vehicle in front of oncoming traffic that was traveling in the eastbound lanes of Sunrise Highway. The drunken driver behind the wheel was approaching at such a fast rate of speed, that Officer Verdi made a split-second decision to protect the motorist behind him by using his vehicle to take the impact of the wrong-way vehicle without consideration for his own safety and well-being. Supervisor Romaine said, “I commend Officer Verdi for taking decisive action while putting his own life at risk to save others and thank him for his service to the community.”

“Officer Verdi risked life and limb to protect a citizen, something he does on a daily basis as a Suffolk County Police Officer,” noted Councilman Panico. “We are fortunate to have such an individual protecting our residents.”

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