

Brookhaven Town Hosts Third Program of Series On Drug and Alcohol Abuse

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Farmingville, NY – On October 25 at Brookhaven Town Hall, Councilman Michael A. Loguercio, Jr. and the Brookhaven Youth Bureau sponsored a NARCAN Training Program, the third in a series of programs on Drug and Alcohol Abuse. NARCAN is a medication that can reverse the effects of an overdose.

"As Town Board Liaison to the Brookhaven Youth Bureau, I want to thank the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office for providing free drug testing kits and everyone who participated in such an important event that can help save lives," said Councilman Loguercio. "As someone who attended the Youth Bureau's first NARCAN Training Program in June, I personally have been trained in how to administer this medication that can reverse the effects of an overdose. This epidemic has an effect on so many people and sadly, the statistic is

that Suffolk County has more deaths from heroin overdoses than any other county in New York State. We need to continue working together to help provide ways to combat this horrible epidemic."

During the program, employees from Suffolk County EMS explained how to recognize the signs and symptoms of an overdose and how to administer Nasal NARCAN. They also explained what to do until EMS services arrive. After the training, those who participated received a NARCAN kit.

Approximately 200 residents have attended the two NARCAN Training Programs held by the Town in the last five months. In July, the Town held a Drug and Alcohol Abuse Education, Prevention and Awareness Program, highlighting the current heroin epidemic facing our community. If you know anyone who is suffering from drug and/or alcohol abuse, please contact the Youth Bureau at (631) 451-8011. A licensed professional will provide critical information and referrals.

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