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BISHOP DELIVERS FUNDS TO OPERATE SUFFOLK COUNTY INTELLIGENCE CENTER

Center to Focus on Homeland Security, Organized Crime, Gangs, and Drug Trafficking

Yaphank, NY—Congressman Tim Bishop today announced \$255,000 in federal funds to operate a new Suffolk County Police Department (SCPD) Intelligence Center. The High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area/Long Island Satellite Intelligence Center is located at SCPD Headquarters in Yaphank.

The Intelligence Center, which is located at Police Headquarters in Yaphank, will aid police in gathering, collecting, analyzing and disseminating information regarding crime groups in Suffolk County.

“I am pleased to deliver these funds to help improve security in Suffolk County,” Bishop said. “This is part of my continued effort to make sure our police departments have the resources they need to protect the safety of our communities. This new Intelligence Center will make Suffolk County’s cops even more effective in their war on crime.

“I salute the good work that every police officer and law enforcement official does on a daily basis to keep our communities safe and I am pleased to be a partner in their fight,” Bishop added.

Bishop was joined by leading law enforcement officials for the announcement, including Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota, SCPD Commissioner Richard Dormer, Suffolk County Sheriff Al Tisch, and representatives of more than 14 other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

“My thanks to Congressman Bishop for making this funding available,” Dormer said. “The Long Island Satellite Intelligence Center will use this money to improve the way in which the Suffolk County Police Department and our partner agencies gather and correlate intelligence, analyze events and crime patterns, create statistical comparisons and further employ the use of geospatial analysis and predictive tools.”

The center will prove state of the art management of intelligence information relating to Organized Crime, Drug Trafficking, Gangs, and Local and Domestic Terrorism, and general Homeland Security needs.

The Intelligence Center will help improve communication between the SCPD and other regional and national law enforcement agencies. It is spearheaded by the Criminal Intelligence Bureau of the SCPD.

Bishop was able to include the funds in the Omnibus Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2004, which passed the House of Representatives in December.

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