

# Law Enforcement Today with Sheriff Toulon

# Conversation Card National Night Out

Celebrate Law Enforcement and Community Partnerships



**JUNIOR RANGERS**



**THE SUFFOLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESENTS THE NY RANGERS STREET HOCKEY PROGRAM AT A SPECIAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT**



**August 7, 2018  
6:00-9:00 p.m.  
Dix Hills Park  
575 Vanderbilt Parkway, Dix Hills**



**NO EQUIPMENT OR EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY. CHILDREN WEAR SPORTS ATTIRE & SNEAKERS. ALL ARE WELCOME.**

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**Errol D. Toulon, Jr., Suffolk County Sheriff**  
*With special appreciation to the Town of Huntington.*

Millions of neighbors will take part in National Night Out events in all fifty states on August 7th – and I hope you will join us. The Sheriff's Office will be hosting its National Night Out event from 6-9 pm at the Dix Hills Park, at 575 Vanderbilt Parkway in Dix Hills, along with the New York Rangers Street Hockey Team, and the Suffolk County Boldest Hockey Team.

During our event, Suffolk's Correction Officers and Deputy Sheriffs will be joining me in the rink to play street hockey with kids from throughout Suffolk County. All are welcome, and no equipment or hockey experience is necessary.

Other communities and Law Enforcement agencies will also be hosting events where you can interact with emergency personnel, community groups, view police exhibits and much, much more.

You can call your local police precinct for more information about local National Night Out events, and if you're in the area, please join me and the New York Rangers Street Hockey Team at Dix Hills Park on August 7th from 6-9 pm.

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# Conversation Card Sandy Hook Promise



Suffolk County is a very safe and great place to raise a family, but like communities across the state and nation, we have our struggles as well.

Sandy Hook Promise is a national non-profit organization founded and led by several family members whose loved ones were killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14, 2012. Based in Newtown, Connecticut, whose intent is to honor all victims of gun violence by turning tragedy into a moment of transformation by providing programs and practices that protect children and prevent the senseless, tragic loss of life.

One question that students want to know is what they can do to help when a friend or peer is showing signs of distress.

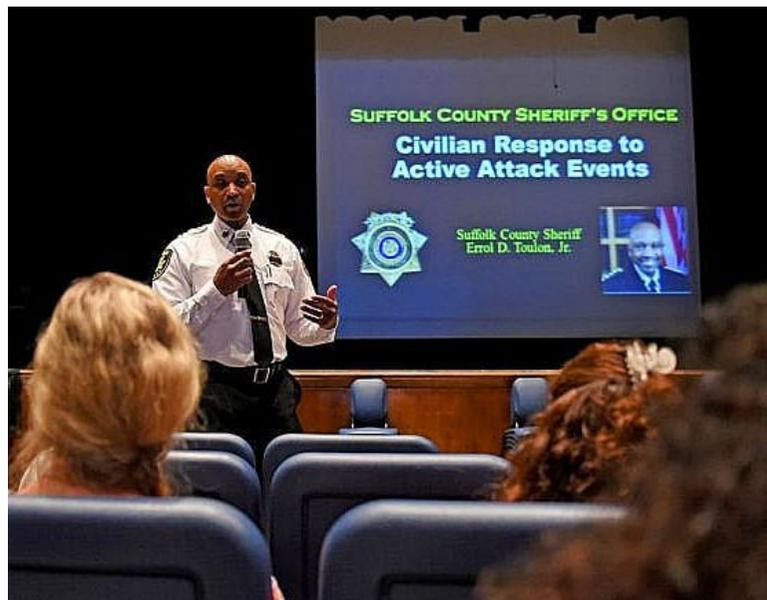
The Suffolk County Sheriff's Office has teamed up with the Sandy Hook Promise Foundation and trained several of our Community Relations officers to implement the Say Something Program. The Say Something program teaches kids to recognize if one of their peers is in distress, and how to handle the situation.

These programs are free, and offered through the Sandy Hook Promise Foundation in conjunction with the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office.

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## WOULD YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO?



CIVILIAN RESPONSE TO ACTIVE SHOOTER  
TRAINING IN RIVERHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

**OVER 1000 PEOPLE  
TRAINED TO DATE**

# Conversation Card Active Shooter Training

As parents, it's hard to imagine that our children may not be safe in school, and that their teachers and school faculty may need to go through Active Shooter Training. Unfortunately, these are times when we must confront the potential for this kind of unimaginable violence and take action to protect our schools.

In March of this year, specially trained Suffolk County Deputy Sheriffs began teaching Civilian Response to Active Shooter Training for teachers and staff throughout the county. The training sessions are offered in conjunction with our vulnerability assessments of school buildings and grounds. This program aims to teach school staff and students what to do to best protect themselves in the event there is an active shooter incident at a school. This 2-hour program provides practical lessons that can save lives.

We have also partnered with the Sandy Hook Promise Foundation to roll out their Say Something Program, teaching students how to notice signs of a friend or classmate in distress, and giving them the tools to say something to a trusted adult.

The Sheriff's Office, working together with the Suffolk County Police Department, and federal, state and local partners, have made crime prevention and collaboration a major priority.

Crime in Suffolk County dropped dramatically in recent years, and shooting incidents are down by nearly 50% this year.

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## Talk with your teen about Drugs & Alcohol

Having open conversations with your child on drugs and alcohol abuse is the first step in prevention.



If you suspect a problem, or need advice, don't be afraid to make a call. The Long Island Council for Alcoholism and Drug Dependence has a 24 Hour Hotline that can be reached at (631) 979-1700.



# Conversation Card

## Drug and Alcohol Use

Talking with your children about drug and alcohol use is a necessary step in preventing abuse. Here are some tips on how to start the conversation:

- \*Find out what your child already knows.
- \*Teach your child the facts.
- \*Give your child clear rules.
- \*Be prepared to answer your child's questions.
- \*Talk with your child about how to say "no."

Here are some tips to keep the conversation going:

The Sheriff's Office distributes free drug and alcohol test kits to parents. You can pick one up at the Sheriff's Office in Yaphank or Riverhead, or at your local Legislator's Office. Let your child know that you have them and will use them if necessary.

If you, or someone in your family, takes prescription painkiller drugs, be sure that your teen cannot get their hands on them. This is one of the most common gateways to further drug use and addiction.

Get to know your children's friends. There comes a point in a teenager's life when friends can be a greater influence than family. If you are concerned about certain friends, make it known, and let your child know why you are suspicious.