

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Involved citizens are the most valuable resource any community can have in preventing crime, including the sale, spread and use of illicit drugs. Recognizing this fact, Suffolk County has implemented a number of initiatives geared toward safely involving our citizens in preventing and reporting suspicious or unlawful activity. These programs include:



Members of the community are encouraged to report information about crimes, including specific information about drug activity, to our Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-220-TIPS. All calls are kept confidential and cash rewards of up to \$5,000 may be available for information leading to an arrest.

### **Tip Submit: A Completely Anonymous Internet Crime Tip Service**

*Have information regarding drug dealers or a crime but don't feel comfortable calling the police?* Submit the tip utilizing our completely anonymous internet crime information reporting service called "Tip Submit." To use this service, simply fill out the form at [www.tipsubmit.com](http://www.tipsubmit.com) and submit it. Rewards may be provided.

### **Text-a-Tip**

*Know a Drug Dealer?* Text a tip regarding someone who is selling heroin, cocaine, marijuana, illegal pills, or other drugs, and you may receive up to a \$500 reward. To utilize this completely anonymous service, text "SCPD" and your message to: CRIMES (274637). This texting service can be used to report information regarding other criminal activity as well.

### **Heroin Arrest Tracking Map**

#### **Suffolk County Police Department Heroin Arrest Tracking Map**

[www.suffolkpct.org](http://www.suffolkpct.org). This link is the website for the Suffolk County Police Department. Once on the site click on "**Information/Department Policies**" and then onto "**Suffolk County Drug Mapping Index.**" This site provides an overview of where recent drug arrests have occurred within the county.



852-COPS, an initiative of County Executive Steve Levy, enables community members to report incidents that, although not emergencies, may still require a police officer to respond. For example, callers can report drug dealing, loud parties, suspicious activity or disturbances by dialing (631)852-COPS (6677) without tying up 911. All residents are strongly encouraged to report non-emergent suspicious activity in their communities.



### **Neighborhood Watch**

Many of our communities have partnered with the police department in establishing highly-effective Neighborhood Watch Programs. Consider joining your local Neighborhood Watch, or perhaps consider becoming a Neighborhood Watch coordinator if no program exists in your neighborhood. For more information, call 631-852-6108.