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### **Patrick A. Pope is Suffolk County's Court Employee of the Month**

**CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y.** - Suffolk County's District Administrative Judge, H. Patrick Leis III, is pleased to announce that Captain Patrick A. Pope, a Court Officer with the Supreme Court in Central Islip, is being honored today, as Employee of the Month for October.

Pat began his career in the court system in 1982 as a Court Officer in the Nassau County District Court. Pat left the court system in 1983 to work as a licensed funeral director in Forest Hills before returning to the courts as a Court Officer assigned to Supreme Court in Kings County in 1987. In 1992, Pat was transferred to the Appellate Division, Second Department and was assigned to the chambers of the Honorable Guy James Mangano, Presiding Justice, where he was responsible for providing security for the Presiding Justice, the Justices of the court and court personnel. Thereafter, Pat was promoted to Senior Appellate Court Clerk in 1999 and to Associate Appellate Court Clerk in 2000. In November of 2000, Pat was promoted to the rank of Captain in charge of the personal security and protection of the Presiding Justice.

Pat has been assigned to Supreme Court, Suffolk County since January of 2001, when he was placed in command of the four Supreme Court parts located in the new federal courthouse in Central Islip. He has been in his present assignment in the Cohalan Court Complex since January of 2003

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where he is in command of the thirteen Supreme Court parts located in the courthouse. Included among his many responsibilities is the day to day operation of the security office, including supervision of security personnel, scheduling and other personnel issues, fingerprinting of civilian and court personnel and relations with the general public. Captain Pope is also a liaison between the Suffolk County courts and the various federal agencies located in the Alphonse M. D'Amato Federal Courthouse.

Pat, a long time resident of Long Beach, is married to his wonderful wife, Anne, a practicing attorney on Long Island. They are the proud parents of two (2) children, Patricia, age 23 and Amy, age 15. Needless to say, they are both very proud of the accomplishments of their father.

Pat attended St. Francis College in Brooklyn and completed his course of studies in mortuary science at the American Academy, McAllister Institute of Funeral Services in 1976. After completing his required one year residency, Pat became a licensed funeral director in 1977, which he currently maintains.

Pat is being recognized for his contributions toward the establishment of the command for the Supreme Court parts located in the Alphonse M. D'Amato Federal Courthouse in 2001. Pat handled this assignment with a genuine enthusiasm for the task at hand and an unequaled commitment that insured the success of the newly established command. Essentially, Pat was required to build this command from the "ground up". For example, Pat put in place the standard operating procedures that are currently in existence today for that command and coordinated all aspects of communication for the security office, courtrooms and chambers. Perhaps one of the most important aspects of Pat's duties was to act as the designated liaison between the Suffolk County courts and the various federal agencies which interacted with the state courts each day. As a testament to the high level of professionalism demonstrated by Pat and the respect which he earned during his tenure in command, the U.S. Marshal's Service made a special request that Pat remain as liaison after his reassignment to the Cohalan Court Complex and presented him with a certificate of appreciation.

In sum, Pat has always demonstrated the highest level of professionalism and dedication to his job and has always treated his fellow officers and the general public with the utmost dignity and respect. Without a doubt, if it were up to Pat, he would not want to be recognized in this way. Instead, he would attribute his accomplishments to the many court officers within his command and without, who are so deserving of this type of recognition, day in and day out.

For all of the above and more, Captain Patrick A. Pope is the recipient of this month's Employee of the Month Award.