



## East Hampton Town Police Department Community Relations



The East Hampton Town Police Department is committed to building stronger relationships between the department and the citizens and visitors which it serves. The Department continually utilizes strong Community Relations efforts to strengthen this bond.

During 2020, as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, many aspects of our regular community relations were hampered. The Department normally works closely with the community in organizing mental health and substance abuse forums. Several officers have also been named members of the Town Adolescent Mental Health & Substance Use Task Force. The focus of the Task Force is to facilitate relationships and cooperation among the community, with the goal of increasing awareness and understanding of mental health and substance use related issues among parents, young adults and other community members.

The East Hampton Town Police Department remains committed to doing its part in combatting the National Opioid Epidemic. Sergeant Kenneth Alversa has conducted numerous Narcan/Naloxone Training sessions since 2017 in both English and Spanish, during which over 250 town residents have been trained in the use of this critical medication which reverses the effects of an opioid overdose. In addition, the Department has also been involved in numerous successful "Drug Take Back" events during which hundreds of pounds of unwanted and expired medications have been collected for safe disposal. These efforts continue to help prevent prescription drug abuse, addiction and ultimately save lives.

Lastly, the Police Department has continued to work closely with all of the school districts within the town to foster improved relations, not only with our youth but with the parents as well. With full time School Resource Officer and DARE officers, the Department has a strong presence in our schools. The Department has made many presentations to school students and parents on varied topics including School Safety, current drug trends, vaping, Good Samaritan laws, Social Host laws, Internet Safety, Vehicle and Traffic Law and other laws pertaining to juveniles in New York.

The East Hampton Town Police Department remains committed to serving the residents of East Hampton with professionalism while being proactive in our outreach efforts and providing a high level of positive community interaction. The Department looks forward to the time when we may return to normal and continue to expand upon these efforts and is always seeking opportunities to improve community relations.