## **Huntington Bay Village Police Department Reform and Reinvention Collaborative**

The Huntington Bay Village Police Department has been an integral part of the community since its incorporation in 1924. The officers of the Huntington Bay Village Police Department, in its 91 year history, have always carried out their duty based on the 1829 Peelian Principles of Policing which affirms the necessity of community cooperation in achieving the law enforcement objective. The geographical size and population of the Incorporated Village of Huntington Bay allows the police department to function at a more intimate level than most other departments. It is this closely connected relationship between the members of the community and the police that promotes a mutual respect for each other. It solidifies the basis of "community oriented policing."

The Huntington Bay Village Police Department has strived to do its part to advance its relationship with the community in an effort to preserve the trust bestowed upon it. The department demonstrated its belief in that relationship with the community when it sought out and earned New York State Accreditation in 2008. As one of only a handful of accredited departments on Long Island, it has consistently demonstrated adherence to New York State laws, policies, practices and recommendations. The department is continually assessed and audited by members of the New York State Accreditation Council, furthering the commitment to the citizens it serves.

In keeping with the department's dedication to the community, it has used the *New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative* as an opportunity to once again demonstrate its unyielding pledge to uphold an oath while performing its duty. While meeting the requirements of the Governor's Executive Order, the Huntington Bay Village Police Department developed a plan which met all of the necessary criteria. The plan actively sought input as well as feedback from the community.

The Mission of the Huntington Bay Village Police Department has always been evident through its actions as well as its accomplishments. The department's mission statement remains the pillar and basis for achieving the law enforcement objective.

"We, the members of the Huntington Bay Police Department, exist to serve all persons within our jurisdiction with respect, fairness and consideration. We are committed to the prevention of crime; the protection of life and property; the preservation of peace; order and safety; the enforcement of laws and the safeguarding of constitutional guarantees.

With community service as our foundation, we are driven by goals to enhance the quality of life which includes investigating problems as well as incidents, seeking solutions and fostering a sense of security in our community. We nurture public trust by holding ourselves to the highest standards of performance and ethics.

To fulfill this mission, the Huntington Bay Police Department is committed to providing a quality work environment and the development of its members through effective training and leadership. We are committed to developing and managing all resources so that we can provide the highest standards of police service."