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### **BISHOP PUTS SAFETY FIRST IN SOUTHAMPTON VILLAGE**

*Secures Funds to Create Unified Public Safety Radio System*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Congressman Tim Bishop announced new federal funding for the Southampton Village Police Department. The funds will help them to design, construct and implement one unified, fully interoperable Public Safety Radio System that will upgrade an existing radio communications system for Southampton Village. The funding was included in the fiscal year 2006 Science, State, Justice and Commerce Appropriations Bill, which passed the House of Representatives overwhelmingly by a vote of 418 to 7.

“It is crucial that first responders have the ability to communicate seamlessly in the event of an emergency,” Bishop stated. “I am proud to have had the ability to support the Southampton Village Police Department in their effort to put safety first in Southampton Village.”

“This is just one more example of why we are so proud to have such a great and competent Congressman as Tim Bishop working for us. He is truly concerned about his constituents,” stated Southampton Village Mayor Joe Romanosky.

The Village currently operates five completely separate radio communications systems that are unable to communicate with each other in the event of an emergency. Each system was designed and implemented individually, with different operating and coverage characteristics.

Southampton Village will use the funds to replace and upgrade its aging radio systems and enhance the Public Safety Radio system to include interoperability with all agencies within the Village, Township, and County. It will further allow for interoperability with Public Safety agencies such as the New York State Police, MTA Police, FBI, Secret Service and other agencies operating within the Village.

“I will continue to do all that I can in Congress to help first responders be more prepared to respond to an emergency.”

While the Southampton Village appropriation was included in the legislation, the specific dollar amount will be allocated later after consideration in the Senate.

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