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**ISLAND FEDERAL DONATES \$7,500
TO RIVERHEAD POLICE DEPARTMENT K-9 UNIT**

HAUPPAUGE, NEW YORK - In keeping with their support of the local communities they serve, Island Federal Credit Union (Island Federal) presented a check in the amount of \$7,500 to the Riverhead Town Police Department to help fund the purchase a new police dog for their K-9 unit. Island Federal has maintained a presence in the Riverhead community for over 5 years. On September 2, Rocky, a beloved police dog who had been with the department since 2011, was tragically killed during the pursuit of a man who fled a sobriety checkpoint.

“No amount of money can replace the loss of a dog like Rocky,” said Island Federal President/CEO Bret W. Sears. “However, all of us at Island were so touched by the story of this brave, veteran police dog that we knew we wanted to do something. Donating funds towards a new member of the K-9 unit is not just to show our appreciation for Rocky, but to show our gratitude to all members of the Riverhead Town Police Department.” Sears went on to say “We are honored to be able to give back to a community that has welcome us since the opening of our Riverhead branch five years ago.”

A private service for Rocky, a German shepherd, was held on Monday, with Officers from Riverhead Police, Suffolk County Police, New York State Police and several other agencies participating in the procession.

About Island Federal Credit Union

Island Federal Credit Union, headquartered in Hauppauge, N.Y., is a not-for-profit, full-service financial institution, providing affordable banking products and services to Long Islanders. Founded in 1955, Island has grown to be among the top performing credit unions in New York State with over \$1.5 billion in assets, serving nearly 40,000 members. Island’s successful track record can be attributed to consistently delivering the best rates, no hidden fees, and exceptional service to its members. When banking at Island, members have access to a complete menu of loan and deposit products, including: Simply Free Checking accounts, Certificate accounts, IRAs, Auto, Mortgage, Home Equity loans and lines, a Best Rate and a Best Rewards Mastercard® and Student Choice College loans. For anytime access, Island offers free 24/7/365 customer service, online banking, bill payer, and mobile banking services. In

2014, Island announced a 10-year, multi-faceted partnership with Stony Brook University that included naming rights of the Island Federal Credit Union Arena, sponsorship of the Stony Brook Film Festival, support of the Long Island State Veterans Home and Stony Brook Children's Hospital as well as providing two branches and more than 14 ATMs on the Stony Brook University campus. In addition to the Stony Brook University locations, Island operates seven full service branches throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties, located in Bellmore, Hauppauge, Hicksville, Massapequa, Sayville, Selden and Riverhead, which is located at 1071 Old Country Road in the Dunkin Donuts Shopping Center at the Circle. Island members can also access their accounts at more than 100 shared branches on Long Island, and over 1,000 surcharge-free ATMs on Long Island. For more information about Island, stop by the any branch, visit their website, islandfcu.com or call (631) 851-1100.

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Left to right: Officer John Morris, Riverhead Town Police; Councilman James Wooten, Riverhead Town; Councilwoman Jodi Giglio, Riverhead Town; Shirley R. Watson, Chairman, Island Federal Credit Union; Bret W. Sears, President/CEO Island Federal; Presiding Supervisor Laura Jens-Smith, Riverhead Town; Councilwoman Katherine Kent, Riverhead Town; Police Chief David Hegermiller, Riverhead Town.