



## **LIFETIME COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

### **WILLIAM JUDGE**

William Judge started in Suffolk County Police Academy in June of 2001. He was elected by his classmates to be the Class President. Upon graduation Billy was the recipient of the John L. Barry Award for Outstanding Effort.

He was assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> precinct Patrol Division in November of 2001. In 2004 Billy began to shine shoes to raise money for a fellow co-worker battling cancer. He presented her a check in the amount of \$500. That same year Billy founded Strong Cops Save Lives; a nonprofit charitable weight lifting organization that raises money for various foundations.

In 2005 as an officer he attended the Police Academy with a man who was losing his battle with Lou Gehrig's disease. A Bench Press competition was held at the Suffolk Police Academy. A total of \$7,000 was raised and on behalf of the named Officer the money was donated to the Lou Gehrig's Foundation.

The next event was a Strong Man Competition to raise money for the families of a Suffolk County Police Officer and a New York City Police Officer who had both lost their lives through tragic circumstances. Billy had never met either of these Officers but felt his organization could help. A total of \$20,000 was raised and presented to the Officers families.

In 2006 and 2007 he put together a team representing SCPD and pulled a 173,000 lb. jet airplane against various teams throughout Long Island to raise money for premature babies through the march of Dimes. Team SCPD took first place in 2006 and 5<sup>th</sup> place in 2007. The event raised over \$10,000.

The Breast Cancer Foundation was the next organization to which Billy was to raise money for. He put together another Bench Press Competition held at the Academy and raised \$5,000 for the foundation.

For 2008 Billy put together the biggest event yet. It was a boxing event called Heroes for Heroes and it was to raise money for the Wounded Warrior Project. The boxing event was between SCPD vs. FDNY. It was Billy's biggest challenge. The night was a huge success with over 2,000 spectators watching as SCPD won the championship beating

the FDNY 6-5. The night raised \$30,000 and gave Billy great recognition as someone who organized exciting events and truly dedicated himself to helping those in need.

The summer of 2008, SCPD vs. NYCPD was in a tug of war at Jones Beach to raise money for the Wounded Warriors. The event was sponsored by WBAB Radio and was a battle for bragging rights in Long Island. SCPD lost a grueling 13 minute battle. The event raised \$6,000.

Fall of 2008 Billy teamed up with the Suffolk Police Veterans Association and organized the War at the Shore Adventure race. The race was 3 events that would begin with a 7 mile Kayak ride down the Nissequogue River. The ride would end at the Kings Park Bluff and the racers would transition to a 12 mile bike ride throughout the Kings Park Psychiatric Center. The racers would ride back to the bluff and go to a 3.5 mile run through the trails of Sunken Meadow and finish back at the bluff. A huge after BBQ was held at D.S. Shanahan's and a great time was had by all. The event raised \$14,000 for Suffolk County Wounded Warrior Christopher Levi. Christopher lost both of his legs and partial use of his arm in Iraqi from an IED attack.

In 2009 the second annual boxing event was held and this time SCPD fought the very tough NYPD boxing team. It was another great night and raised \$25,000 for the Wounded Warriors, SCPD lost 4-8.

Billy then focused on the second annual Tug of War vs. NCPD. This time Suffolk came in with some of its most athletic cops and beat NCPD in just 3 minutes. The event was incredible and \$11,000 was raised for the Wounded Warriors.

For all these events Billy has provided professional trainers and coaches. He has obtained numerous sponsors and put together raffles and prizes. The media has covered the events and he has been featured on Channel 12, 11, 4, and 5 news stations. Billy has also been featured on the Channel 12 morning show on 3 occasions. Billy has a t-shirt company called Good Guy Weather and has sold over 7,000 shirts throughout his years with Strong Cops Save Lives. He is a dedicated Police Officer who has over 400 arrests in his seven years on patrol in the Third Precinct. Since 2008 Billy has been in the Special Patrol Bureau and is currently assigned to the highly respected Emergency Services Section. He has been a Cop of the Month 4 times; he has 18 Headquarters, 11 Command, 6 DWI, and 2 Excellent Police Officer Commendations. In 2004 he was awarded the Third Precinct "Top Cop" award for making the most annual DWI arrests. In 2005 he was awarded the Town of Islip Cop of the Year Award and in 2006 he received the Meritorious Award. In 2009 Billy says he received his proudest award when he was given the Police Reserves Cop of the year for his investigative work and arrest of high profile sex offender Sal Ingillieri. Billy and his partner were also featured on Americas Most Wanted with another arrest of a sexual predator that had eluded capture for over one year. Billy is married to his wife Laura and is the father of 3 boys. Nicholas is 15 years old and is in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade at Kings Park High School. Justin is 10 and attends RJO Intermediate School and plays in the KPY Football program. Anthony is 5 years old and attends Ft. Salonga Elementary School and plays in the KPY Flag Football Program. Billy is also very active with the Kings Park Youth Football Program which he is an assistant coach for the 10 year old team.