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## Town to Host Situational Awareness Training Program for Residents

*North Hempstead, NY* – With the recent tragedies in Uvalde and Buffalo still touching our hearts and in our minds, North Hempstead Supervisor Jennifer DeSena today announced that the Town has arranged a Situational Awareness Training program for residents to be conducted by the Nassau County Police Department Homeland Security Unit. The program will take place on Wednesday, August 24 at 7 p.m. at Clinton G. Martin Park, located at 1601 Marcus Avenue in New Hyde Park.

"These terrible tragedies throughout our nation have left us all feeling very uneasy and worried, and while we all hope to never face such a situation, this program is a great opportunity to recognize potential warning sign and learn survival strategies," Supervisor Jennifer DeSena said. "The safety and wellbeing of our residents is one of my top priorities, and by working with the Nassau County Police Department Homeland Security Unit to offer this program, our residents will become better educated and more prepared."

By focusing on situational awareness, the 90-minute lecture encourages participants to be vigilant for suspicious behavior which could be indicators of a future attack. The free workshop, which will be conducted by the Nassau County Police Department's Homeland Security Unit, will include topics such as: emergency response plans, knowing your evacuation route, what to do if you see a suspicious package, understanding warning signs, what to do during an active shooter situation and more. Residents will learn the proper way to respond in different situations, as instructors will identify best practices learned from past incidents. A brief question and answer session will take place following the seminar.

Registration is required, please call 311 or 516-869-6311 to reserve your spot.