



# ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATIVE NEWS

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## **LEGISLATOR MAIO PROMOTES LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY JANUARY 9, 2018**

Ulster County Legislative Majority Leader Mary Beth Maio is urging residents across Ulster County to join in the nationwide effort to show support for law enforcement officers during National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.) on January 9, 2018.

Maio recognizes that the vast majority of Ulster County law enforcement officers go above and beyond to serve and protect the citizens of Ulster County. She said that many residents are looking for a way to show their gratitude and respect to our local and state law enforcement community in light of recent negative national attention.

"Many citizens want to show our dedicated law enforcement officers that we appreciate the sacrifice they make in this difficult and sometimes impossible career they have chosen, in service to us all," said Maio.

Maio will deliver her personal message of appreciation to the Ulster County Police Chiefs Association where she is invited to speak at 10:00 am on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center in Kingston.

Maio offered several suggestions on how to join in this effort and show your support on January 9<sup>th</sup> including:

- Wearing blue clothing
- Decorate with blue ribbons and blue balloons
- Change your profile picture on social media to the .jpg image provided at [www.facebook.com/nationalcops](http://www.facebook.com/nationalcops)
- Share a story about a positive law enforcement experience on social media and/or like their facebook pages
- Send a card of support to your local police department or state agency
- Ask children to write letters or draw pictures in support of law enforcement
- Participate in Project Blue Light – proudly displaying a blue light to show your support for law enforcement.

"Most importantly," said Maio, "if you see a police officer, say thank you for their service - not just on January 9<sup>th</sup>, but every day of the year."

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