



MASSAPEQUA WATER
COMMISSIONERS'
ACTION TO REMOVE THE
"BLACK DOT"

The Commissioners of the Massapequa Water District are pleased to report the on-going installation of antennae and new equipment at our May Place Water Tower. The new equipment is part of the County's Capital Project that will provide enhanced Voice Communications for the Police Department, volunteer fire departments, emergency response agencies and local governments.

We feel compelled to report to you about the progress on this critical project since as you may recall that the District was cited by Nassau County Executive Tom Suozzi as being one of several water districts that refused to allow the new Police Department Emergency System on their water towers. To the County Executive's chagrin, the Nassau County Police Department has utilized the May Place Tower for its communication system for the past 27 years.

Newsday in a follow-up story to the County Executive's position painted the Massapequa Water District with a "black dot" as one of several water districts that were uncooperative in entering into an agreement with the Nassau County Police Department for the installation of their emergency communications system. Again a blatant misrepresentation.

An agreement between Nassau County and the District is under negotiation, however, the District decided to continue its 27 years past cooperative effort with Nassau County Police pending the formal signing of an agreement. This action will allow the Police Department to authorize its' contractor to move forward with the installation of this vital part of the County-Wide Land Mobile Radio System.

Catastrophic events such as the terrorist attack on 9/11 and the events of Hurricane Katrina demonstrate that a reliable, radio system is mandatory in this county to ensure adequate and coordinated public safety response if, and when, the need arises.

To date the County Executive has not apologized to the citizens of the Massapequa Water District for his misrepresentation, and neither has Newsday printed a correction to their misrepresentation. It is our opinion that acts such as these are counterproductive and do not do justice to the taxpayers of the Massapequa Water District who have been cooperating and providing an exemplary service to all of the citizens of Nassau County for free, through the use of the May Place water tower for the Nassau County Police Department's emergency communications systems

