

## **West Islip Association Hosts Emergency Preparedness meeting.**

On December 2, 2009, the West Islip Association held its monthly meeting at the West Islip Public Library. Mr. Ed Schneyer, Director of Emergency Preparedness, Suffolk County, spoke to a “packed house” about the work of Emergency personnel in times of severe weather, flooding, fires, plane crashes, oil spills and a host of other types of disasters.

With the benefit of a computer generated slide presentation Mr. Schneyer explained that in emergency situations, his agency utilizes the resources of utilities, transportation, fire, police, health, EMS, Public Works, volunteers, and private and local services.

Maria Hamadama and Anna Cassella spoke of the humanitarian work done by the American Red Cross. Along with facilitating transportation of supplies to the military, assisting in connecting Holocaust survivors with family, providing essentials in emergency situations, the ARC advises on preparing for disasters. The American Red Cross representatives provided a Family Disaster Supplies Kit list to all those in attendance.



Pictured (l to R): Councilman Steve Flotteron, committee members Anthony Formica and Carolyn Agenjo, Chairwoman Maria Figalora, Director of Emergency Preparedness Ed Schneyer and committee member Jim Lundie