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SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE STANDS READY TO HELP LONG ISLANDERS BY RESPONDING TO LIPA AND NATIONAL GRID'S APPEAL

Friday through Monday, Utility Workers to be housed at Michael J. Grant Campus

Brentwood, NY – Suffolk County Community College President, Dr. Shaun L. McKay, has announced that the College has agreed to set up temporary shelter for out-of-state utility workers who have been contracted by LIPA and National Grid. Beginning on Friday, September 2, and running through Monday, September 5, the workers will stay at the College's Michael J. Grant Campus in Brentwood, in the Field House of the College's Health Sports and Education Center.

Early this week, LIPA and National Grid officials indicated that they were hard-pressed to find large-scale shelter for the hundreds of utility workers coming from out of town to assist area residents impacted by Hurricane Irene. When approached by LIPA and National Grid, the College stepped forth willingly, in the belief that getting professionals here to assist with repair work would have a positive impact on the County's residents who are still without power.

According to Dr. McKay, "Hurricane Irene has impacted many Long Islanders and the College believes it must do its part to collaborate with lead agencies during this difficult time. We believe that our effort will help support everyone's goal of returning power to Suffolk's neighborhoods and restoring a sense of normalcy in the lives of our residents. As classes are not taking place during this three-day period, it's our privilege to provide the space."

Michael Hervey, LIPA Chief Operating Officer stated, "I would like to extend my gratitude to Dr. McKay and those involved at Suffolk County Community College for this extraordinary effort which will allow crews to continue their efforts of restoring power to our customers."

"At times of crisis like Hurricane Irene, it is essential that we all pitch in to help our friends and neighbors and that is exactly what Suffolk County Community College is doing in making its facilities available to workers who are traveling to Long Island to help LIPA restore power," said Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer William J. Lindsay. "This is yet another excellent example of what an essential part of our community the college is."

About Suffolk County Community College

Suffolk County Community College (SCCC) is the largest community college in the State University of New York (SUNY) system, enrolling approximately 26,000 students at its three campuses in Selden, Brentwood and Riverhead. SCCC offers the Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Science (A.S.), and Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degrees, as well as a variety of certificate programs. Offering affordable college tuition, a highly respected Honors program, extensive extracurricular activities, championship athletic teams, and numerous unified transfer programs, SCCC is a first-choice college for Long Island students. Visit us online at sunysuffolk.edu.

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