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## **Press Release**

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### **Red Hook Town Supervisor Crane's Address at Jan. 1 Swearing In Ceremony**

One thing can be said for sure about the future: It's coming. Like thousands of small towns across our great country, we have taken part in establishing, in an orderly fashion, the future of our town. We hope we have been able to inspire you to dedicate yourselves to the service of our fellow man and our community.

News is not always good. Just when we think we can celebrate and relax, we're bombarded with dreadful happenings outside of our control. Glad tidings are often bruised by tragic reports and sad accounts. We feel guilty for having much, when so many have so little. We struggle to have confidence that our children and grandchildren will be safe. We pray for understanding and to be understood.

And today, January 1, 2010 we have passed the responsibility of our local government to the leaders before you. This is our community, part of our county, our state and our country. Here is where responsibility begins. Here is where we make a difference.

Whatever part you play in our future, please remember that the public servants that you see before you are simple American citizens. They have offered to lead us and be our voices. They believe in the uniqueness of our town and are proud to work for it. Don't hesitate to offer to help. It is with many talents that great things are accomplished.

Before closing it's imperative to thank the many Red Hook town employees and their families for their loyalty. Naming them is unnecessary...they know who they are and how important they are to maintaining the business of the Town of Red Hook. Through my career, I've worked with many groups of individuals in various capacities. Never have I seen a team so willing to help me and each other. I commend them to the Red Hook community as faithful servants one and all. I thank them for their loyalty and say "God bless you everyone".