

## **2015 Honoree**Highly Accomplished Asian American Professional

Detective Fred Hom Suffolk County Police Department and Foundling Father of the Suffolk County Asian Jade Society



Suffolk County Police Detective Fred Hom is a first generation born Asian American. His father, Fred Hom Sr. immigrated from China and his mother, Barbara Hom, is of Irish, Swiss, and American Indian decent. Fred was born in Brooklyn, New York and shortly after, his family decided to make the move to Long Island and settling in Northport.

In 1985, Fred Hom became the first Asian American police officer to be hired by the Suffolk County Police Department. He began his career in the Third Precinct patrolling the hamlets of Central Islip and Brentwood, which was one of the busiest areas in Suffolk County at that time. His hard work didn't go unnoticed. In 1987, he was transferred to the Narcotics Squad and began working on numerous cases involving Asian drug gangs. He went undercover and made numerous drugs buys leading to countless arrests. In 1990, he was promoted to Detective. He worked on a case with the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office and was successful in infiltrating one of the most dangerous drug gangs of that time. It resulted in the purchase of kilos of cocaine and the seizure of numerous automatic weapons. In 1995, he was transferred to the US Customs Task Force where he now serves as its longest standing member.

Detective Fred Hom has dedicated 30 years of his career to the citizens of Suffolk County. He has investigated hundreds of cases on the local, national and international levels which resulted in hundreds of arrests and seized property. Safety in the streets in Suffolk County is a direct result of Detective Fred Hom's commitment to his profession.

In 2015, Detective Fred Hom became a founding member of the Suffolk County Police Asian Jade Society. He serves to foster relations between Asian American law enforcement officers and the communities in which they serve. Today, he continues to serve in the capacity of Detective, protecting the citizens of Suffolk County, and a mentor between Asian American police officers and the Suffolk County Police Department.