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Congressman's Legislation Officially Renames Main Postal Facility

After Borough's First Officer Killed in the Line of Duty

Fair Lawn, NJ To honor the life of Mary Ann Collura, Fair Lawn's first police officer killed in the line of duty, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-Fair Lawn) along with members of the fallen officer's family and local officials, today formally dedicated the main post office in the Borough as the "Mary Ann Collura Post Office." The renaming of the post office, located at 14-24 Abbott Road, comes as the result of legislation Rothman authored, got passed in the House, and had signed into law. Following the introduction of Rothman's bill in the House to rename the post office, U.S. Senators Jon Corzine (D-NJ) and Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) introduced identical legislation in the Senate where it was passed.

"From today forward, the main post office will bear the name of a true Fair Lawn hero Mary Ann Collura," Rothman said. "Officer Collura was an exemplary citizen and a role model for all of us in Fair Lawn and the greater community. By renaming this main post office after Mary Ann Collura, we are ensuring that generation after generation of Fair Lawn residents will know the legacy of this great police officer, neighbor, and friend. While she is missed dearly, Mary Ann Collura's spirit is alive and well in the great Borough of Fair Lawn. And years from now when a parent and child walk into the Fair Lawn Post Office and the child asks the parent about the plaque on the wall, the story of Mary Ann Collura will be shared with a new generation."

After dutifully serving 18 years as an outstanding officer and as a role model in her community, Officer Collura was fatally shot on April 17, 2003 in the line of duty. Officer Collura was backing up Clifton, New Jersey Police Officer Steve Farrell who was trying to arrest three men following a car chase that ended outside a church in Fair Lawn.

Mary Ann Collura was a resident of Fair Lawn for all 43 years of her life. The idea to rename the main post office in Fair Lawn after Mary Ann Collura was suggested to Rothman by a Fair Lawn High School student, who like many Borough residents, was touched by the officer's commitment to being a positive role model for the community at large. One well-known example of Collura's commitment to Fair Lawn was when she implemented a special "glow stick" program to keep young children adequately lit and visible as they walk the streets trick-or-treating. The glow stick program has since gone county-wide in Bergen County.

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