On Tuesday, December 13 Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian participated in Stand Up 2011, an anti-bullying rally held at Northeastern University’s Matthews Arena. More than 4,000 students and teachers from nearly 150 Massachusetts middle and high schools gathered to talk about bullying and discuss the best ways to prevent it. The event was also broadcast live over the internet to more than 50,000 viewers.

At the event, five school programs were recognized for having made significant impact on bullying in their schools. Robert Adams Middle School in Holliston was honored for their community-wide approach, which created a bullying prevention and intervention committee, as well as teacher training and other innovative initiatives.

Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian was on hand with Boston Bruins alumni Bob Sweeney to present the award to students from Robert Adams Middle School.

“It is everyone’s job to speak up and speak out against bullying,” Sheriff Koutoujian told students. “The groups being honored today are examples of what you can accomplish with teamwork, compassion and creativity. It is up to you to make the right choices and if you do, you’ll be on the fast track to becoming the next generation of leaders.”

Top left: Holliston students, Bob Sweeney, Sheriff Koutoujian - Above: Sheriff Koutoujian speaks at Stand Up 2011 to 4,000 students and teachers - At left: Sheriff Koutoujian, Holliston students & teachers and Bob Sweeney