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## Island Campaign Signs Set on Fire

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GRAND ISLAND, NY - Candidates all over Western New York are on the campaign trail advertising themselves for office. But some candidate's signs have been vandalized.

Friday night, some political campaign signs were set on fire. Candidate signs including those for Mary Cooke, Gary Roesch and Dick Crawford were all burned. A larger 4x8 foot sign set up by the Conservative Party was also destroyed.

The calls came into the Grand Island Fire Department shortly after 2 a.m. Signs were torched at the intersection of Grand Island Boulevard and Webb Road.

Current Supervisor Peter McMahon said, "I think it's extremely unfortunate that anybody would do something like that. It is a free country and elections are something that we pride ourselves in, that we need to respect. So I'm sorry that it happened."

McMahon's challenger and Town Council Member Mary Cooke also denounced this act of vandalism.

"I've never seen anything quite like this before, and I think it's terrible . Whoever did it, don't do this," said Cooke.

Dick Crawford, another Council Member also talked to 2 On Your Side about his feeling regarding the torching of the campaign signs.

"Certainly it's something no community can control. You certainly hope that you know whatever element was out there doing this it's a onetime event and we go forward from here," said Crawford.

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