

GUARDIANS OF THE FLAME



Torch Run Updates:

The Flame of Hope has almost finished making it's way around New York State!

Metro Games - Queens Leg:

On June 18th, runners from NYPD, DEA, Courts, NYSP, and MTA Police ran 2 miles into Opening Ceremonies at Metro Games.

Special thank you to: Detective Steve Stiller (NYPD Homicide), TD Bank (starting location host), and participating members from all departments.



"Tip of the Finger Lakes" Law Enforcement Torch Run:

From June 22nd-June 23rd, members from several departments ran more than 45 miles over the course of two days throughout the Finger Lakes.

Several stops were made to thank LETR supporters, such as: Dunkin', Applebee's, and Amelia's Pizza.

Nassau | Suffolk Leg:

On May 31st, at Farmingdale State College, members of law enforcement ran a combined 36 miles.

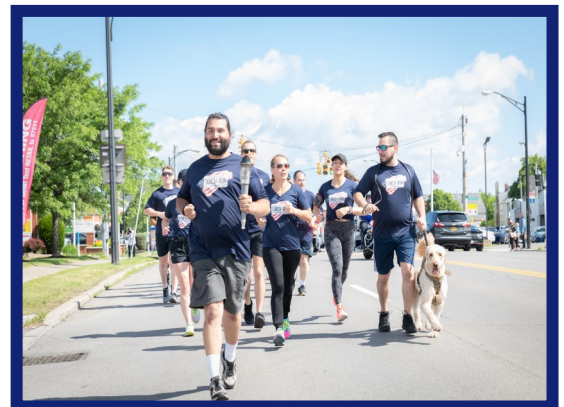
Thank you to participating members from: The Selden Hills Running Club, SCPD, Suffolk County Deputy Sheriffs PBA, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, NYSP, US Postal Inspectors, NYPD Running Club, NCPD, Long Island State Park Police PBA, SCPOA, Hempstead PD, DEA and US Attorney's Office, Amityville PBA, Nassau County BSO, FBI, US Army, Freeport PBA, IRS, Garden City PBA, Village of Old Westbury PD.



2022 Upcoming Torch Run Dates:

- **August 8th:** 2022 Utica Torch Run
- **August 14th:** 2022 Otsego County Torch Run
- **September 21st:** Badges on the Border International Torch Run
- **October 15th:** Fall Invitational/Inclusion Cup NYC Torch Run

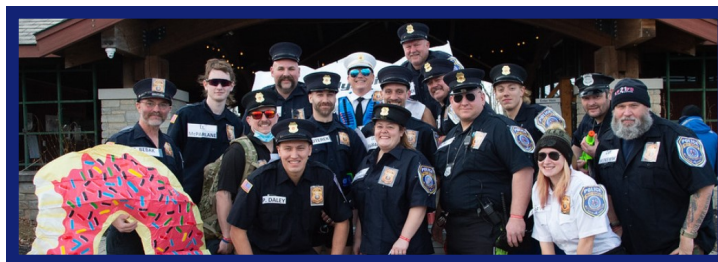
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2022 Upcoming Polar Plunge Dates:

- **Canandaigua Polar Plunge:** November 5th
- **Binghamton Polar Plunge:** November 12th
- **Westchester Polar Plunge:** November 12th
- **Lake George Polar Plunge:** November 19th
- **Town of Brookhaven Polar Plunge:** November 19th
- **Buffalo Polar Plunge:** December 2nd & 3rd
- **Hudson Valley Plunge (Orange County):** December 3rd
- **Oneida Shores Polar Plunge:** December 4th
- **Staten Island Polar Plunge:** December 4th
- **Town of Huntington Polar Plunge:** December 10th

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June LETR Events:

2022 SP Ithaca Golf Tournament:

On June 6th, New York State Police Retired Sgt. John Beno and Retired Sr./Investigator Edwin Ramos held the 33rd Annual SP Ithaca Golf Tournament at Elm Tree Golf Course in Cortland, NY. The event had 156 Golfers with some traveling from Toronto, Canada, Florida, Delaware and from throughout the state of New York to participate.

The tournament partnered with Special Olympics New York, and other organizations, to raise a total of \$5,000—\$3,500 going to Special Olympics New York athletes.



2022 Lt. Michael “Chip” Chiapperini Memorial Golf Tournament:

On June 16th, 165 golfers took to the green at Webster Golf Club to raise money for the organization. Our athletes helped all day, enjoying a celebratory dinner that included a check presentation of \$11,100. What a thrill!

Special thank you to Chief Dennis Kohlmeier, Sgt. Michael Wilder and the Webster Police 1000 Club P.B.A. for choosing to support Inclusion.

2022 State Summer Games:

Law enforcement from across the state joined Special Olympics New York and our athletes June 24th-25th to celebrate State Summer Games down in Ithaca.

Our Guardians of the Flame carried the “Flame of Hope” into Opening Ceremonies from the 2022 Ithaca Torch Run into Summer Games with athlete Kinsey Henry, lit the cauldron signifying the beginning of the games, handed out awards on Saturday, and concluded Closing Ceremonies with sending the torch off to Glens Falls for State Fall Games in October.



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Upcoming LETR Events:

CR/ST Go for the Gold:

We're looking forward to celebrating the amazing partnership between Dunkin', law enforcement and the athletes of Special Olympics NY.

Stop by a CR/ST Dunkin' on July 28th from 6-10am to help us celebrate!

CDR Go for the Gold coming up August 19th!



2022 Long Island Plane Pull:

Join us on Saturday, September 17th, at Sheltair (1000 New Highway, Farmingdale, NY) to pull together for the athletes of Special Olympics New York!

Teams will compete to pull a G550 aircraft TWO times, 25 feet across the runway. Sign your department up, and head to Long Island to join in this fun competition.

Badges on the Border International Torch Run:

Badges on the Border International Torch Run is back for another season!

Join us on September 21st at 10am, as we run a 1.5 mile Torch Run, culminating in the middle of the Rainbow Bridge as we meet our Canadian Law Enforcement and Special Olympics Athletes.



LETR Statewide Committee Meeting: Thursday, September 29th, at 10am in the Troop G Meeting Room

*For more upcoming events, please click



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Meet our Statewide Committee:

Rick Allen—Director; Deputy Superintendent with the New York State Police

Jacob Babcock—Athlete Representative; Genesee Region

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