

GUARDIANS OF THE FLAME



Torch Run Updates:

The Flame of Hope has started making it's way around New York State! We are excited to share some of the runs we have been up to.

“Trooper Ross M. Riley Memorial Leg”

In the Wester Region, members of law enforcement ran through Olean, ending at Opening Ceremonies at St. Bonaventure University for a Unified Champion School Game.



Tri-County Law Enforcement Torch Run

In Rockland, Westchester, and Putnam counties, more than 300 runners covered 72 miles.

Avon Torch Run into Super Regional Track and Field

At Avon Central Schools, members of law enforcement carried the “Flame of Hope” into Super Regional Track and Field. They raised over \$1,755.



Eastern Leg—Montauk Run

On Thursday, May 19th, law enforcement from the Eastern End of Long Island ran over 13 miles in support of our local athletes. Police Departments included: Shelter Island, East Hampton Town, Southampton Town, Riverhead Town, East Hampton Village, State Troopers, and Quogue Village.

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Final Leg for USA Games:

On May 24th, 2022, the Final Leg hit New York and our very own Joe Peters from Cortland City Police carried the Flame of Hope through the heart of Manhattan from City Hall Park to the 9/11 Memorial.

Local Law Enforcement runners from MTA Police, State Police, FBI, Port Authority and NYPD ran side by side with local athletes and the Final Leg team as part of their trip to Orlando, Florida for USA Games.

Before the run, the Final Leg team and Downstate USA Games athletes were featured on Good Morning America. Click [here](#) to check it out!



2022 Upcoming Torch Run Dates:

- **June 1st:** Corrections Officer Scott Kowalski Memorial Torch Run Leg
- **June 3rd:** Rochester Torch Run
- **June 8th:** "Trooper Kevin P. Dobson Memorial Leg"
- **June 9th:** Batavia Torch Run
- **June 10th:** "Kurt Scheiber Memorial Leg", "Officer Joshua Davison and Captain Thomas Deihl Memorial Leg", "Special Agent William M. Fallon Memorial Leg"
- **June 14th:** "Honorary Joe Dubreville and Trooper David C. Brinkerhoff Memorial Leg"
- **June 18th:** Metro Games-Queens
- **June 18th:** Homer/Cortland Torch Run
- **June 20th:** Washington County
- **June 21st:** Warren County
- **June 21st:** Binghamton Torch Run
- **June 22nd:** Saratoga County
- **June 22nd-23rd:** Auburn Torch Runs
- **June 23rd:** Albany County
- **June 24th:** Ithaca Torch Run into Summer Games
- **September 21st:** Badges on the Border International Torch Run

If you do not see your Torch Run date here, please reach out to your regional development staff for more information.



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April & May LETR Events:

Applebee's Go for the Gold:

On Wednesday, April 27th, Applebee's across New York State partnered with our athletes, coaches, and law enforcement to raise awareness and funds to send Team NY off to USA Games in June.

This fundraiser raised over \$30,000 for our athletes!



Tully's Law & Orders:

On Thursday, May 12th, Tully's in Upstate New York hosted what we all know and love as "Law & Orders Night"!

Thank you to all of the law enforcement who came out and helped us exceed our goal of over \$10,000 for our athletes.

Law Enforcement Recruit Class 70:

Congratulations to Law Enforcement Recruit Class 70 for completing their 50-Day Burpee Challenge to support Special Olympics New York athletes.

25 recruits participated in the challenge, and raised over \$9,000 for the Rochester Polar Plunge.



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Upcoming LETR Events:

Buffalo Bowl:

Ever wonder what it's like to play at Highmark Stadium, home of the AFC East Divisional Champion Buffalo Bills?! NOW is your chance!

Join us, on Saturday, June 4th, for the 6th annual Buffalo Bowl, a 6 on 6 flag football tournament. This year, we have expanded to include a First Responders division!

Register your team at www.BuffaloBowl.org today.



2022 Lt. Michael "Chip" Chiapperini Memorial Golf Tournament

Join us on June 16th at the Webster Golf Club. The Webster Police 1000 Club P.B.A has selected Special Olympics New York as this year's beneficiary organization.

Thank you for choosing inclusion!

Badges on the Border International Torch Run:

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

Join us on Wednesday, 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.



Meet our Statewide Committee:

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

Jacob Babcock—Athlete Representative; Genesee Region

Capital District Region Scott Leslie	Hudson Valley Region Chris Hamel	Southern Tier Region Barry Banfield
Central Region Chris Koeppe	Joe Barca	Joseph Peters
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