

GUARDIANS OF THE FLAME



Torch Run Wrap-Up:

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

2022 Utica Torch Run:

On August 8th, members from Oneida County Sheriff's Office, City of Utica Police Department, Onondaga County Sheriff's Office, Mohawk Valley Police Academy, and several Central Region athletes ran around Mohawk Valley Community College to raise awareness for SONY.

We were even joined by a great group of recruits from several other departments, including Chenango County Sheriff's Office, and Norwich Police Department.



2022 Otsego County Torch Run:

This was our first year down in Cooperstown and we had an amazing turnout! Starting at the generous Clark Sports Center, and finishing at Doubleday Field... all while our runners and cyclists were being cheered on by the town through their scenic route.

Thank you to Cooperstown Police Department for supporting SONY and our athletes.

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2022 Upcoming Torch Run Dates:

- **September 21st:** Badges on the Border International Torch Run
- **September 23rd:** 2022 Plattsburgh Law Enforcement Torch Run
- **October 15th:** Fall Invitational/Inclusion Cup NYC Torch Run
- **October 29th:** 2022 Dutchess County Torch Run

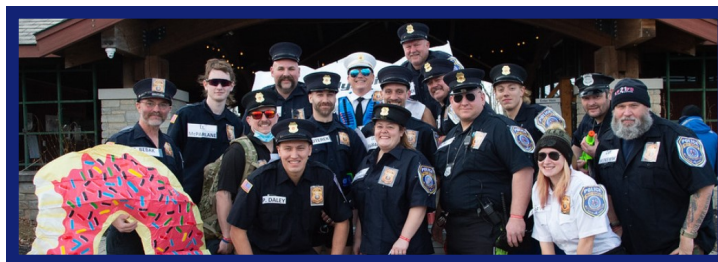
If you do not see your Torch Run date here, please reach out to your regional development staff for more information.



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

Visit www.polarplungeny.org for more information and to register today!



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Recent LETR Events:

2022 CR/ST Go for the Gold:

On Thursday, July 28th, SONY partnered with Dunkin', local law enforcement, coaches, and athletes to "Go for the Gold" and celebrate the amazing partnership and raise awareness for the organization.

Thanks to everyone's support, we raised \$53,758.45!



2022 CDR Go for the Gold:

Go for the Gold came back to the Capital District Region on Friday, August 19th! With nearly 15 locations, the event raised a total of over \$18,000.

Thank you to all of the law enforcement, athletes, coaches, and Dunkin' for coming and helping out to make a great turnout!

CDR Texas Roadhouse Law & Orders:

On Tuesday, August 30th, the Plattsburgh Texas Roadhouse hosted the Law & Orders fundraising event for the Capital District Region!.

Thanks to some of our favorite local LEO's and Special Olympics Athletes, the event raised \$2,125!



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Upcoming Events:



2022 Long Island Plane Pull:

There's still time to 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.

Tour de Champions:

Hudson Valley

September 17th—70 miles.

New Cyclists: \$500, Cyclists 5 years +: \$2,000.

<http://events.nyso.org/2022CycleAbility>

Rochester

October 8th—options ranging from 3, 15, 25, or 50 miles.

\$100 registration fee.

<http://events.nyso.org/ROCTourdeChampions>



2022 State Fall Games:

We're back in Glens Falls this year for the 2022 State Fall Games! Opening Ceremonies will be Friday, October 21st, followed by a full day of competition, awards, and Closing Ceremonies on Saturday, October 22nd!

More details to come soon.

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

PLEASE check your email for the 2023-2024 Torch Run Director Voting and Nomination Process

***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

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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