

Monroe County Sheriff Patrick O'Flynn and Undersheriff Andrew Forsythe recently took part in ceremonies to kick off the law enforcement torch run to benefit Special Olympics. The Special Olympic games are being held at the SUNY Brockport campus the weekend of June 10<sup>th</sup>. Undersheriff Forsythe served as the honorary chairman of this year's law enforcement torch run which started in the Town of Gates and ended with a brief ceremony near the Liberty Pole in Downtown Rochester on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Sheriff Patrick O'Flynn said, "We look forward to this day being able to be with all these great athletes, spend some time, and really enjoy the enthusiasm that goes on. To see the law enforcement representation here, it's just so meaningful to the whole law enforcement community coming out and supporting these great athletes."

Undersheriff Forsythe said to the athletes, "your courage, commitment, and determination are an inspiration to all of us. Embrace the power within you. Be your best and remember impossible is just a state of mind. I'd also like to thank everyone in law enforcement for joining me to help make this a special and memorable day for all of our athletes. Your support helps make a difference in the lives of 68,000 athletes in New York living with intellectual disabilities.

Today my good friend Timmy and I ran five miles carrying the flame of hope so that Timmy and his friends can continue to have the opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and friendship with their families and other special Olympic athletes in the Rochester community. I'm proud to be Timmy's friend, honored to be part of the law enforcement torch run, and I'm looking forward to continuing my support. So let us raise our arms to Timmy and the athletes. It is triumph time, have hope, be strong, laugh loud, play hard, live in the moment, dream big, smile often, and most importantly never give up. Congratulations to all of you and best of luck."