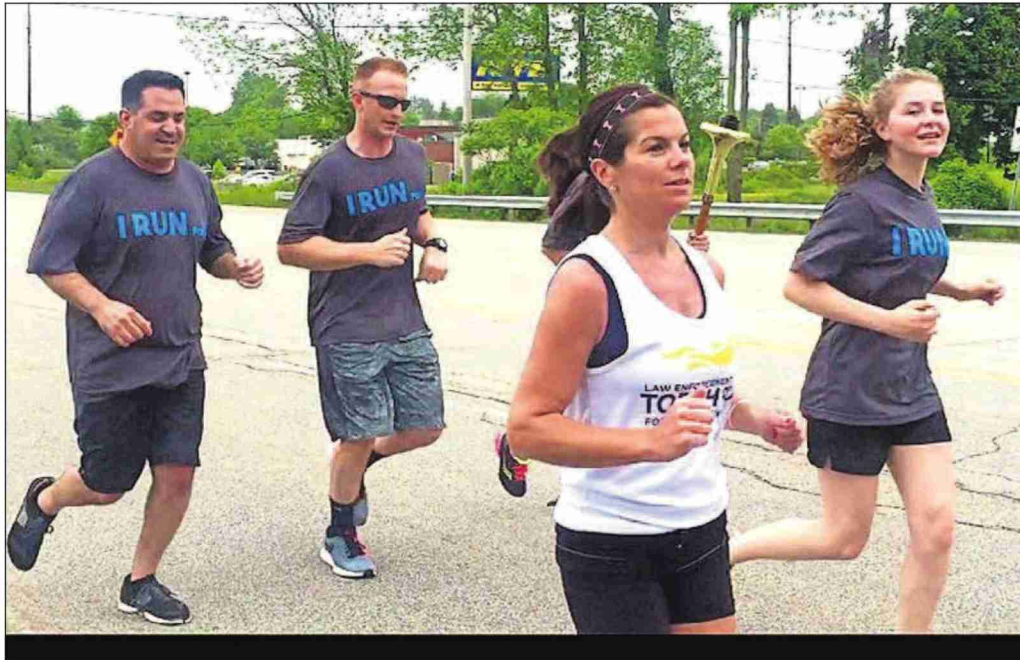


## 'FLAME OF HOPE'



From left, Police Commissioner Joe Plaia, Officer Jordan Wells and Commissioner Brenna Cavanaugh were among a Portsmouth police contingent running in a torch run to support Special Olympics on Friday. ELIZABETH DINAN PHOTO

# Portsmouth PD reps run Special Olympics torch run

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PORTSMOUTH — Members of local law enforcement carried a torch while running from Portsmouth to Durham on Friday in support of the Special Olympics.

Officer Jordan Wells, members of the Police Explorers Cadets and Police Commissioners Joe Plaia and Brenna Cavanaugh started the run from the Portsmouth police station Friday

morning. Passing a “flame of hope” torch as part of the Law Enforcement Torch Run, they ran down Market Street, along Woodbury Avenue, through Newington, then to Durham.

Police Sgt. David Colby said he’s run several of the torch runs and estimated the distance of the Portsmouth-to-Durham run to be about 11 miles. The run ends at the University of New Hampshire where opening ceremonies for the Special

Olympics are Friday night. The Law Enforcement Torch Run is a running event in which every branch of state, municipal, county and federal law enforcement participates, this year for the 32nd time. The “flame of hope” torch will be passed over 800 miles in various legs throughout New Hampshire, serving as the Special Olympics movement’s “largest grass roots fundraiser and public awareness vehicle.”

