The Law Enforcement Torch Run® (LETR) Final Leg for Special Olympics occurs every two years when law enforcement officers and Special Olympics athletes from around the world gather to carry the Flame of Hope to the Special Olympics World Games. The Flame of Hope symbolizes the courage and celebration of diversity that the Special Olympics movement represents.

The inaugural Final Leg took place as part of the 1987 Special Olympics World Summer Games when officers ran the Flame of Hope™ from Soldier Field in Chicago -- site of the original Special Olympics World Summer Games in 1968 -- to Notre Dame Stadium in South Bend, Indiana, where it was then used to light the cauldron, officially marking the opening of the World Games.

It was the start of a Final Leg tradition that has continued ever since, and now includes the USA National Summer Games. The Final Leg tradition represents the culmination of worldwide LETR events that have involved over 110,000 officers from around the world, raising more than $800 million since 1981. More importantly, LETR generates worldwide awareness for Special Olympics’ year-round program.

The Final Leg not only creates awareness and excitement for the World Games, but also inspires and motivates participating law enforcement runners to increase their level of commitment to their own LETR at local Special Olympics programs.

The following are the names of the Delaware Final Leg runners, athletes, and support team members who have represented Delaware law enforcement and Special Olympics Delaware at the Special Olympics World Games and USA Games.
TORCH RUN FINAL LEG

2019 - Special Olympics World Summer Games in Abu Dhabi
   Master Cpl. Gary Fournier (DE State Police)

2018 - Special Olympics USA Games in Seattle, Washington
   Sgt. Joelle Ryan (University of Delaware Police Department)

2017 - Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria
   Final Leg Runner - Capt. Pete Sawyer (DE State Police);
   Final Leg Logistics Team Member - Lisa Smith (SODE);
   Final Leg Team Leader - Capt. Danny Hall (DE State Police)

2015 - World Summer Games in Los Angeles, California
   SPO Jennifer Riley (Department of Correction)

2014 - Special Olympics USA Games in Princeton, New Jersey
   Final Leg Runner - Det. Danielle Martin (DE State Police);
   Final Leg Runner - Tony Bowe (SODE athlete);
   Support Team Member - Chip Simpson (DE State Police);
   Team Leader - Danny Hall (DE State Police)

2013 - World Winter Games in PyeongChang, Korea
   Lt. Danny Hall (DE State Police)

2011 - World Summer Games in Athens, Greece
   Det. Jason Stevenson (DE State Police)

2010 - USA National Summer Games in Lincoln, Nebraska
   Major Chip Simpson (DE State Police)

2009 - Winter Games in Boise, Idaho
   Chief Ken McLaughlin (Ocean View Police Department)

2007 - World Summer Games in Shanghai, China
   Sgt. Randy Fisher (DE State Police)

2006 - USA National Summer Games in Ames, Iowa
   Lt. Bruno Battaglia (Wilmington Police Department)

2005 - World Winter Games in Nagano, Japan
   Lt. Mark Daniels (DE State Police);
   Kyle Gunton (Special Olympics Delaware athlete)

2003 - World Summer Games in Dublin, Ireland – Park Ranger
   Wayne Kline (Dept. of Natural Resources)

2001 - World Winter Games in Anchorage, Alaska
   Sgt. Rich Dennis (DE State Police);
   Mark Jones (Special Olympics Delaware athlete);
   Team Leader - Capt. John Miller (ret.)

1999 – World Summer Games in Raleigh, North Carolina
   Cpl. Jay King (Department of Corrections);
   Team Leader - Capt. John Miller (ret.)

1997 – World Winter Games in Toronto, Canada
   Lt. Susan Poley (Newark Police Department);
   Support Team Leader - Capt. John Miller (ret.)

1995 – World Summer Games in New Haven, Connecticut
   Lt. Greg Nolt (DE State Police);
   Team Leader - Capt. John Miller (ret.)

1993 – World Winter Games in Schladming, Austria
   No Delaware Final Leg Runner (chosen by Region)

1991 – World Summer Games in Minneapolis, Minnesota
   Capt. John Miller (DE State Police);
   Team Leader - Capt. John Miller

1989 – World Winter Games in Lake Tahoe, Nevada
   Capt. John Miller (DE State Police);
   Team Leader - Capt. John Miller

1987 – World Summer Games in South Bend, Indiana
   Lt. John Miller (DE State Police)