

Tri-Town Newsletter

Monroe County Sheriff's Office



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Sheriff Patrick O'Flynn joined State Senator Rich Funke on Monday, August 14th to urge state lawmakers to help pass legislation that will fight the opioid epidemic in our community.

Senator Funke is calling on the State Assembly to pass legislation that would expand enforcement and crack down on dealers who sell these drugs.

Sheriff O'Flynn is urging legislators in the New York State Assembly to pass the legislation, "so it will give law enforcement the tolls necessary to help root out heroin and opioids from our community. These drugs are killing children, adults, and shattering families everywhere," said O'Flynn.

The Sheriff's Office has been hard at work addressing this issue. Over 2 years ago the office began the Monroe County Opioid Task Force; a coalition of law enforcement, county government, service providers, medical personnel, and others to address the heroin and opioid epidemic.



The Sheriff's Office works closely with drug courts, veterans courts, and each one of its patrols and all of the bureaus in the Sheriff's Office have Naloxone and Narcan.

There is a Vivatrol program in the jail. When Vivatrol is administered it is able to take away the desire for opioids when people are released from custody.

The Sheriff's Office also stresses the importance of education as another key component to fighting the opioid epidemic.

The agency has expanded its D.A.R.E. program to include other law enforcement agencies. "We need to fight this epidemic and do everything within our power to combat this issue," said Sheriff O'Flynn.

To view comments Sheriff O'Flynn made at the press conference with Senator Funke you can click [here](#) or view this you tube link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wustPOc-vlw>