

Sheriff Patrick O'Flynn began his career with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office in 1976 as a deputy sheriff trainee. He was promoted to the position of part-time deputy sheriff assigned to the Parks and Marine Patrol Unit and then to full time road patrol. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 1983 and to the rank of lieutenant in 1986 when he held both administrative and operational assignments. He also became SWAT Commander in charge of the Sheriff's Office tactical response to those most critical incidents which happen throughout the county.

In January 1988, Sheriff Andrew P. Meloni appointed Patrick to the position of Undersheriff. He served in that position until he was appointed Sheriff by Governor George Pataki in May of 2001, upon Sheriff Meloni's retirement. He was elected to the position of Sheriff and began his first, four-year term as the chief law enforcer of Monroe County on January 1, 2002. Sheriff O'Flynn is currently serving his fourth, four-year term as the Monroe County Sheriff. The Sheriff is responsible for managing approximately 1,200 sworn and civilian personnel and he operates the office on a budget of over 130 million dollars.

Sheriff O'Flynn earned a degree in Criminal Justice from Monroe Community College and a business degree from Roberts Wesleyan College. In December 2012, Sheriff O'Flynn completed his Master's Degree in Security Studies from the Naval Postgraduate School - Center for Homeland Defense and Security.

Sheriff O'Flynn is a past president of the New York State Sheriffs' Association, a member of the FBI National Executive Institute, a member of the NYS Municipal Police Training Council and Chairman of the Operating Practices Board of 911 Emergency Communications. He serves on the boards of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, Bivona Child Advocacy, the Humane Society of Greater Rochester and the Monroe County Sheriffs' Foundation. The Sheriff is also active in fund raising for Special Olympics New York, Boy Scouts of America – Seneca Waterways Council and the Golisano Children's Hospital.

Sheriff O'Flynn resides in Penfield with his wife, Lisa, and his two children, Jacqueline and Patrick Michael. He is an avid golfer and a motorcycle enthusiast.