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# **Cheryl Dinolfo**

## *Monroe County Executive*

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### **DINOLFO SELECTS ROBERT BURNS TO SERVE AS PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR**

*Appoints Larry Mattle and Todd Wersinger to Lead Office of Probation*

Monroe County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** today announced her appointment of **Robert Burns** to the position of Monroe County Public Safety Director. Burns currently serves as the County's Chief Probation Officer, a position he has held since 1991.

*"For twenty-five years, Bob Burns has served as Monroe County's Chief Probation Officer and has proven he truly understands the public safety needs of our community," said **Dinolfo**. "Bob is a well-respected leader and has extensive knowledge and expertise in the field. I am proud to entrust him with the responsibility of protecting the safety and security of all Monroe County residents."*

As Director of Public Safety, **Burns** will administer all county public safety services with the exception of those provided by the Sheriff, District Attorney and Public Defender. The position's responsibilities include budgetary review, grant coordination, technical assistance, planning guidance, training services and oversight of public safety programs including the County's Office of Emergency Management. Burns will also Chair the Monroe County Criminal Justice Council and Co-Chair the Public Safety Sector Team.

*"It is an honor to serve County Executive Dinolfo and the County's many public safety professionals as the Director of Public Safety," said **Burns**. "Monroe County's public safety agencies are among the finest in the nation and I look forward to working with them to keep our streets, homes and workplaces safe."*

Burns will replace David Moore, who was recently confirmed as the County's first Director of the Office of Public Integrity. Burns' appointment is subject to confirmation of the Legislature.

Also today, **Dinolfo** tapped **Larry Mattle** to replace Burns as Chief Probation Officer. Mattle will be responsible for the formulation and implementation of department policies and procedures, staff development and personnel management. He will have direct oversight of all probation initiatives. **Todd Wersinger** will assume the position of Deputy Chief Probation Officer.

*"Monroe County Probation is one of our region's most respected probation teams, and Larry and Todd play a huge role in that designation," said **Dinolfo**. "As an integral part of the criminal and juvenile justice system, our dedicated probation staff will continue to provide quality services to assist offenders in becoming law-abiding citizens while providing direct public protection to our neighborhoods."*

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**Mattle** has over 20 years of probation experience, most recently serving as the Assistant Chief Probation Officer since 2014. He has experience in every probation division and has also played a key role in special projects such as Operation Nightwatch, Project Safe Neighborhood/Gun Suppression and the Felony-DWI Unit.

**Wersinger** first joined Monroe County Probation in 1995, and has worked in both the Criminal and Juvenile Units. As a Senior Probation Officer, he headed the Electronic Monitoring Program and worked on Project Safe Neighborhoods and in Field Intelligence. He is a certified firearms instructor and has taken the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Opioid Training.

The Monroe County Office of Probation – Community Corrections is the oldest and one of the largest alternative to incarceration programs in New York State. It provides quality services that assist offenders in becoming law-abiding citizens, offering innovative and specialized programs to protect the community and prevent overcrowding in correctional facilities.

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