

## What is the Law Enforcement Torch Run®?

The Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) for Special Olympics is the largest grass-roots fundraiser and public awareness vehicle in the world. The annual Torch Run and its various fundraising projects have two goals: to raise money and to gain awareness for the athletes who participate in Special Olympics. At its most basic level, the LETR is a running event in which officers and athletes carry the Flame of Hope™ to the Opening Ceremony of Special Olympics local competitions and State Games. Overall, the LETR initiative encompasses a variety of fundraising vehicles. The LETR in Iowa hosts a variety of special events like Polar Plunge®, Cop on Top, Tip a Cop, Truck Convoy, Plane Pull and much more.

## History of the Law Enforcement Torch Run®

LETR began in 1981 when Wichita, Kansas Police Chief Richard LaMunyon saw an urgent need to raise funds for and increase awareness of Special Olympics. The LETR was quickly endorsed by Special Olympics, Inc. and the International Chiefs of Police (IACP), now recognized as the Founding Law Enforcement Organization of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. More than 96,000 law enforcement in all 50 U.S. States, 12 Canadian provinces/territories, and 44 other countries contribute to LETR efforts annually as Guardians of the Flame®, ensuring the delivery of the Special Olympics Flame of Hope™ to the Opening Ceremonies of local Special Olympics competitions, state/provincial Games, and national/regional Games.

LETR began in 1987 in Iowa and has evolved into the largest grass-roots fundraiser for Special Olympics Iowa. The highly emotional Final Leg of the run involves officers statewide converging on Hilton Coliseum to pass the torch to a Special Olympics athlete who, in turn, lights the Olympic flame at the Opening Ceremonies of the Special Olympics Iowa State Summer Games.

## Law Enforcement Torch Run May 22-25, 2017

### May 22-25

#### Local Runs throughout the state

### Thursday, May 25

**9:30am**

**Final Leg Kick Off Ceremony  
DPS Building, Des Moines**

**9:45am**

**Final Leg (Des Moines to Ames)**

**5:00pm**

**Torch Run Reception, Hilton Coliseum**

**7:00pm**

**Summer Games Opening Ceremonies  
Hilton Coliseum**

### Friday, May 26

**9:00am-4:00pm**

**Summer Games Awards**

**Rec Center, Iowa State University**

Officers in uniform have the opportunity to hand out medals and ribbons to our athletes!

**To start a Torch Run in your area,  
please contact the Special Olympics  
Iowa office at (515) 986-5520**



# 2017 Law Enforcement Torch Run®



**It's The Right  
Thing To Do!**

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## Special Olympics Iowa

- Special Olympics Iowa benefits approximately 14,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities and Unified Partners.
- Serves athletes in each of Iowa's 99 counties.
- Provides training and competitions in 23 Olympic-type sports.
- SOIA hosts nearly 90 events statewide throughout the year.

Special Olympics allows athletes to reach their full POTENTIAL.

Special Olympics promotes INCLUSION within our families, schools, communities and more.

Special Olympics is not just an event, but an EVERYDAY way of life.



## The Law Enforcement Torch Run®

- The Law Enforcement Torch Run® is the largest grassroots fundraiser and public awareness vehicle for Special Olympics in the world.
- The mission of LETR is to raise funds for, and awareness of, the Special Olympics movement.
- In Iowa, events include our Final Leg Run, statewide Polar Plunges, Cop on Tops, T-Shirt Sales, Truck Convoy, Plane Pull, Over the Edge and much more!
- In 2016, the Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics Iowa involved more than 1,000 law enforcement officers and personnel representatives who raised more than \$850,000 for Special Olympics Iowa.



## Law Enforcement Torch Run® Sponsors



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## For More Information

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## Runner Registration Form

**Deadline: April 29**

Mail or fax in  
this form:

Special Olympics Iowa  
Attn: Torch Run  
P.O. Box 620  
Grimes, IA 50111  
Fax: 515-986-5530

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Law Enforcement Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Dri-Fit T-Shirt: S M L XL 2XL 3XL  
(\$35 is required)

Cotton T-Shirt: S M L XL 2XL 3XL  
(\$25 is required)

Special Olympics Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Parental Consent Agreement ("Agreement")

In consideration of participating in the LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN TO BENEFIT SPECIAL OLYMPICS IOWA, I represent that I understand the nature of the event and that I and/or my minor child am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such event. I acknowledge that if the event conditions are deemed to be unsafe, I and/or my minor child will immediately discontinue participation in the event.

I fully understand the event involves risks of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death, which may be caused by my own actions, or inactions. Those of others participating in the event, the conditions in which the event takes place, or the negligence of the "RELEASEES" named below; and that there may be other risks either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I fully accept and assume all such risks and all responsibility for losses, costs, and damages I incur as a result of my negligence as a result of my participation in this event.

I hereby release, discharge, and covenant not to sue Special Olympics and its U.S. Programs, their respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable owners and lesser of premises on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the "RELEASEES" herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the "RELEASEES", I will indemnify, save, and hold harmless each of the negligent rescue operations; and I further agree that if, despite this release, waiver of liability, and assumption of risk I, or anyone on my and/or my minor child's behalf makes a claim against any of the "RELEASEES", I will indemnify, save and hold harmless each of the "RELEASEES" from any loss, damage, liability, or cost which any may occur as a result of such claim. I have read this release and waiver of liability, assumption of risk, and indemnity and fully understand it.

Printed Name of Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_