



LAW ENFORCEMENT  
**TORCH RUN**®  
FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS



**Mountain View Correctional Institution**  
**#4855**

*Special  
Olympics*  
North Carolina



# Special Olympics Mission-

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The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendships with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

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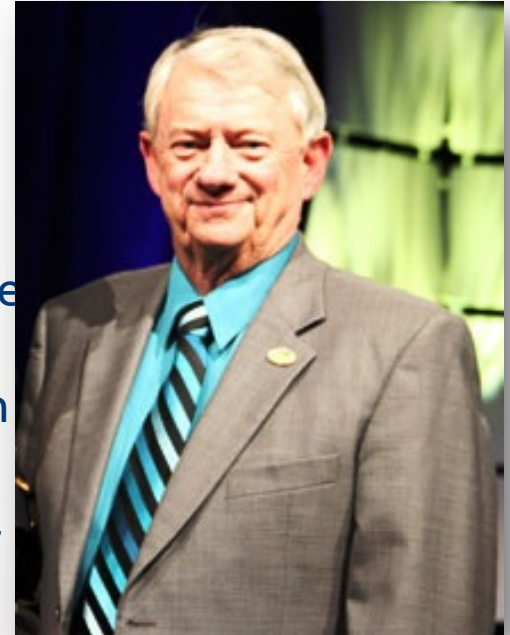


# How did the Torch Run begin?

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The man behind the first Torch Run in 1981 was Wichita, Kansas Police Chief Richard LaMunyon. He viewed the Torch Run as a way to involve local law enforcement personnel in the community and to support Special Olympics.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics is the movement's largest grass-roots fundraiser and public awareness vehicle. At its most basic level the Torch Run is an actual running event, in which officers and athletes run the Flame of Hope™ to the Opening Ceremonies of local Special Olympics competitions and State and National Games. Annually, more than 85,000 dedicated, compassionate and volunteer law enforcement officers participate in the torch run throughout 35 nations, 12 Canadian provinces and 50 US states, raising more than \$50 Million USD for local Special Olympics programs in 2013 and over \$500 Million since its inception in 1981.



# TOTAL LETR REVENUE SINCE INCEPTION

<b>1981</b> \$300	<b>1993</b> \$5,458,393	<b>2004</b> \$19,632,959
<b>1982</b> \$1,500	<b>1994</b> \$6,554,875	<b>2005</b> \$21,728,406
<b>1983</b> \$3,000	<b>1995</b> \$8,155,093	<b>2006</b> \$25,742,161
<b>1984</b> \$7,000	<b>1996</b> \$10,840,360	<b>2007</b> \$30,107,835
<b>1985</b> \$39,000	<b>1997</b> \$13,081,583	<b>2008</b> \$34,243,091
<b>1986</b> \$127,842	<b>1998</b> \$13,846,393	<b>2009</b> \$34,446,553
<b>1987</b> \$198,842	<b>1999</b> \$14,975,411	<b>2010</b> \$38,333,350
<b>1988</b> \$1,822,420	<b>2000</b> \$18,278,593	<b>2011</b> \$43,041,684
<b>1989</b> \$3,499,216	<b>2001</b> \$18,329,596	<b>2012</b> \$46,325,747
<b>1990</b> \$4,405,100	<b>2002</b> \$19,367,012	<b>2013</b> \$49,872,672
<b>1991</b> \$4,537,450	<b>2003</b> \$18,899,927	<b>2014</b> \$51,925,482
<b>1992</b> \$5,541,578		<b>2015</b> \$55,030,364

**Total \$618,862,732**

# What is the Torch Run?

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- The largest campaign of fundraisers for Special Olympics North Carolina.
- Torch Run support assures athletes are never charged a fee to participate.
- Among largest public awareness program for Special Olympics.





# North Carolina Law Enforcement Torch Run Mission -

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The North Carolina Law Enforcement Torch Run conducts year round fundraising and public awareness events in support of Special Olympics NC by managing, promoting and coordinating North Carolina Law Enforcement Torch Run activities throughout North Carolina. Those involved in the NC LETR serve as the guardians of the eternal Flame of Hope and dedicate themselves to the purpose of supporting North Carolina Special Olympics athletes, who through their involvement in Special Olympics, show the community the true meaning of sport and that there are no limits to human potential.



# North Carolina Law Enforcement Torch Run

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The North Carolina Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics began in 1987 and raises more than \$1 million for Special Olympics North Carolina each year.

Over 2,500 law enforcement officers from more than 200 agencies volunteer their time and efforts to raise funds used to provide nearly 40,000 Special Olympics North Carolina athletes with equipment, uniforms, training facilities, housing and meals at local, area, and state-level competitions.





**2016 TOP FUNDRAISERS**

- 1 Winston-Salem Police Department
- 2 Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department
- 3 Chapel Hill Police Department
- 4 Guilford County Sheriff's Office
- 5 Fayetteville Police Department
- 6 Haywood County Sheriff's Office
- 7 Raleigh Police Department
- 8 Kernersville Police Department
- 9 Greensboro Police Department
- 10 New Hanover Sheriff's Office
- 11 North Carolina State Highway Patrol
- 12 Jacksonville Police Department
- 13 Knightdale Police Department
- 14 Pinehurst Police Department
- 15 Hope Mills Police Department
- 16 Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office
- 17 Hickory Police Department
- 18 Holly Springs Police Department
- 19 Apex Police Department
- 20 Davidson County Sheriff's Office
- 21 Boone Police Department
- 22 North Carolina State University Police Department
- 23 Cumberland County Sheriff's Office
- 24 Butner Police Department
- 25 Garner Police Department
- 26 Burlington Police Department
- 27 Gaston County Sheriff's Office
- 28 High Point Police Department
- 29 Matthews Police Department
- 30 Hillsborough Police Department
- 31 Stanly County Sheriff's Office
- 32 Division of Prisons Triangle Region Office
- 33 Fuquay-Varina Police Department
- 34 Mebane Police Department
- 35 Cary Police Department
- 36 Columbus Correctional Institution
- 37 Gastonia Police Department
- 38 Durham Police Department
- 39 Spring Lake Police Department
- 40 Craven Correctional Institution
- 41 New Bern Police Department
- 42 Morrisville Police Department
- 43 Orange County Sheriff's Office
- 44 Newton Grove Police Department
- 45 Wilkesboro Police Department
- 46 Elon University Police Department
- 47 Lanesboro Correctional Institution
- 48 UNC Hospital Police
- 49 Cleveland County Sheriff's Office
- 50 Wake Forest Police Department

**2017 Torch Run Sponsors**

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*The Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics is officially endorsed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Sheriff's Association, the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, the National Association of School Resource Officers, the North Carolina Association of School Resource Officers and the North Carolina Department of Justice.*

**www.nctorchrun.com**



# Summer Games Relays & Final Leg

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Each spring Law Enforcement officers from all over the state take part in the Torch Run relay. As Guardians of the Flame, officers carry the torch in a relay spanning over 2,000 miles in a 20 leg relay to pass the Flame of Hope throughout the state. All of the torches converge in Raleigh at the State Capitol for the Final Leg, where officers carry the Flame of Hope to the SONC Summer Games. The Final Leg culminates with a Circle of Honor and the lighting of the cauldron to signify the opening of the games.



# 2017 Summer Games

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- **Date: June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> , 2017**
- **Final Leg: Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:00pm, downtown Raleigh**
- **Circle of Honor: Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> , 7:30pm, Reynolds Coliseum**
- **After Celebration: Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup> , 9:00pm**
- **Athlete medal presentations: Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9am-2pm**
- **Overnight accommodations available for officers staying to present medals.**



# Circle of Honor & Summer Games Awards





# Events to support this year:

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The Plane Pull is a fundraising event benefiting Special Olympics North Carolina through the Law Enforcement Torch Run. It involves community and corporate teams comprised of five members competing to see who can pull a jet 25 feet in the fastest time. Teams are made up of 5 members and must raise a minimum of \$800 to participate. Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am - 3:00pm at RDU Airport





# Events to support this year:



Over the Edge is the perfect way to follow Special Olympics North Carolina athletes' example and show the world what bravery looks like! Participants rappel down a 30 story building in downtown Raleigh as they raise funds and awareness for thousands of Special Olympics athletes from across the state. Raise a \$1,000 minimum to participate, no experience required. Event date: Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017.



# Events to support this year:

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This is a fun and unique event that involves a group of people jumping into a body of water in the middle of winter. The plungers raise money for the privilege of jumping into the water. A number of these events are held throughout the state on an annual basis. A list of plunges in North Carolina can be found at [www.polarplungenc.com](http://www.polarplungenc.com).





# Merchandise Donations:

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Cotton T-shirts \$15, Tech T-shirt \$20



Hat \$15



# Thank you!

