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HELLO TORCH RUNNERS,

This has been a phenomenal year with unparalleled financial success and exciting fund raisers reaching new heights such as Polar Plunges and the “Over the Edge” campaign. But all this could not be possible without the drive, determination and leadership that we have within each of our programs worldwide. The partnership between Special Olympics and law enforcement continues to flourish and sets the stage for unlimited growth.

With exciting news such as record revenues generated, \$38.3 million, the development of our fifteenth region, welcome Latin America, and renewed support from SOI, it is evident that the face of the Law Enforcement Torch Run® is changing, all for the better, all for our athletes! No where more evident are these changes visible than with the LETR Executive Council itself. There are several new faces to the Executive Council including our new Athlete Representative from Wisconsin, Martha Hill, all enthusiastic and energized to take our movement to the next level. I welcome all the new faces and the returning leadership to what will prove to be another exciting year.

As many of you may have already heard, I too have changed roles within the Executive Council and I must go on record to say I am both honored and humbled by your support and confidence. As the new Chair of the LETR Executive Council in collaboration with the new Vice-Chair Adrian DeWendt, CEO of SO Oklahoma, and the rest of the Executive Council Leadership, I will strive to bring the same vision and inspiration to the development of our movement that I have through the conferences and other initiatives. We will build upon the foundation of those before us and continue to give our athletes a voice in the world that they can be proud of and grow with; a voice that will command respect, inclusion, and opportunity; a voice that will be a formidable influence and advocate for all those with intellectual disabilities.

I am confident that we can continue to experience unparalleled success by sharing this vision and surrounding ourselves with great people, Torch Runners like you, Guardians of the Flame!

I look forward to working with you and your programs, and providing guidance and leadership through the Executive Council. Keep reaching for tomorrow, but enjoy today. Keep the Flame of Hope Burning Bright!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Peretti".

Mike Peretti  
Chair, LETR Executive Council



## No Handicap for Aussie Special Olympics Golfer Tom Leray-Meyer



Tom driving 'down the middle' on Day 1 of the tournament - this is in a LRGC shirt

New South Wales Special Olympics athlete Tom Leray-Meyer was selected to compete in the PUMP Golf Junior Festival at Queensland's Twin Waters Golf Club which was run in conjunction with the Australian PGA Championships.

Tom was the only golfer with an intellectual disability to partake in the event which gave 80 junior golfers the opportunity to learn from some of Australia's top golf professionals before participating in a unique 36-hole tournament. The junior golfers were also able to attend the Australian PGA Championships where they were able to watch the stars in action.

Tom's very proud father Tony said ***"Tom won Runner Up for Most Improved by improving his score by 19 shots on day 2 - scoring 109. Tom was the first Special Olympics Junior Golfer ever to gain selection to attend the PGA PUMP Junior Festival. The tournament was played at the difficult Twin Waters Resort GC in very hot and humid conditions. Tom worked hard throughout the week and enjoyed the experience thoroughly. He got a great deal out of the instruction phase and especially enjoyed the 'touring pro' coaching session with Nick Ahern, Alistair Presnall and Marcus Fraser."***

Tom practices his golf each week with Special Olympics. According to Rex Langthorne, who developed the Special Olympics golf program in Australia and sits on the Special Olympics International Board of Directors, 'What makes Tom's achievement significant is not that he has an intellectual disability but that he continues to push himself to pursue his passion for golf and achieve his personal best despite many obstacles.'

'As a young boy, regular seizures prevented Tom from playing sport but following surgery, which eased his condition, he began to show an avid interest in sport and was particularly fascinated by the achievements of Tiger Woods.'

Tom's parents heard about the Special Olympics Golf Program at the Avondale Golf Club in Sydney. They got Tom involved under Coach Tony Barr who was pleasantly surprised with Tom's great hand-eye coordination and the talent he showed.

Tom has won gold medals at the last two Special Olympics National Games and received a Variety-funded scholarship to assist with his golf development.

Tom has joined the junior program and regularly plays at Long Reef Golf Club, just north of Sydney, where he has flourished under the initial tutelage of Don and Sandra Gillies and more recently from club professionals Danny Vera and Stuart Edwards. This past December Tom played a charity round at The Lakes Golf Club as part of the Australian Open.

According to Rex, 'This is a great example of inclusive sport for all and we wish Tom well.'



Tom chipping on Day 2 - He is wearing his Special Olympics NSW National Games uniform.

## Law Enforcement Torch Run® Final Leg for 2010 Special Olympics European Summer Games Held in Warsaw, Poland

As we all know, since 1981, the tradition of Special Olympics is that the “Flame of Hope” is carried by a relay team of Law Enforcement Officers, known as “Guardians of the Flame.” In the case of the World or European Games, the team is always international and the Torch Run, with the agreement of the Hellenic Olympic Committee, starts in Greece.

For the Warsaw 2010 Games, the Flame was lit on September 6<sup>th</sup> in the city of Feres, near Alexandroupolis, in The Prefecture of Evros, from the crypt of the Monastery of Panaghia Kosmossotira. (The Prefecture of Evros is under UNNESCO and EU protection.)

The Ceremonies were attended by over 500 persons, including:  
Mr. Nikolaos Zambounidis of the Prefect of Evros and the Representative of the Prime Minister and the Government;  
Mr. Georgios Alexandris, the Mayor of Alexandroupolis;  
Mrs. Mary Davis, the President and Managing Director of SOEE; and  
Mrs. Joanna Despotopoulou, the President of SO Hellas.

The European Torch Run was represented by 3 of 11 members of the International Final Leg team: Marek Moltko, a Polish SO athlete; Alexandros Kappis, a Greek LE officer, Jacek Hachulski, a Polish



LE officer & EERC. Remaining members of the team awaited The Flame in Ljubljana, the capitol of Slovenia.

The Lighting Ceremonies were completed, culminating with the Torch Run through the streets of Alexandroupolis. The Flame travelled through Istanbul, Ljubljana, Gibraltar, Luxembourg, Paris, Brussels and London, with a goal to reach Poland on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Here, the team of 11 “Guardians of the Flame” was welcomed by 114 Torch Runners. Among them were 4 Polish SO athletes and 33 foreign law enforcement officers from Austria, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, the Kirgiz Republic, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Montenegro, Northern Ireland, Serbia, Slovenia and Turkey.

Upon lighting the Torch with the miner’s lamp in Greece, the big team of 125 “Guardians of the Flame” carried the “Flame of Hope” and started the first run throughout Warsaw.

After the run and festive lunch, the team was divided into five groups of 25 runners. Each group was given its own route to deliver the “Flame of Hope” to 39 host towns in two days. Upon arrival in each town, the groups were greeted by





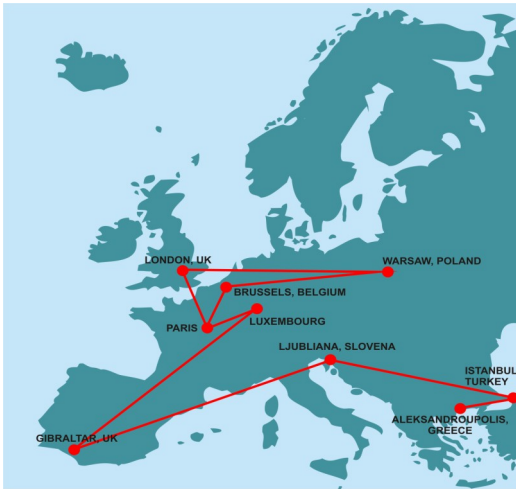
# Law Enforcement Torch Run® Final Leg for 2010 Special Olympics European Summer Games Held in Warsaw, Poland continued



foreign host delegations, residents, local athletes, city authorities, and celebrities from the political, sports and cultural world.

On September 18, after visiting all towns, the Flame returned to Warsaw, where the five groups joined as one team to run again throughout Warsaw. They were accompanied by approximately 400 sports enthusiast runners who finished at the Legia Soccer Club Stadium, the venue of the 2010 Special Olympics European Summer Games Opening Ceremonies. The event was attended by

approximately 40,000 spectators. Among them was the President of Poland, the Prime Minister, former Presidents and First Ladies, 56 Ambassadors of the countries attending the Games, members of the Government and Parliament, 1,600 athletes, 600 coaches, 250 medical staff, 2,000 volunteers, 800 family members and 230 GOC members. The lighting of the Cauldron at the Stadium was the climax of the Ceremony.



## 2010 Law Enforcement Torch Run® Election Results

International Torch Run Conference  
October 20th through October 23rd 2010  
Long Beach, California

During this year's Torch Run Conference, several different positions were up for election and appointment by the Executive Council.

This year, all even numbered Regions were scheduled for election. Because there were no Regions that experienced any contested positions, all the existing Regional Coordinators were reelected for another term.

The Torch Run Council had three appointments to Council, and they were as follows:

Law Enforcement Appointee: Luis Rosa of Connecticut.

Special Olympics Appointee: Monte Castevens, CEO of Florida Special Olympics.

Athlete Appointee: Martha Hill of Wisconsin.

A huge "Thank You" for their service is certainly in order for Mary Beth McMahon, who was the previously appointed Special Olympics appointee from Northern California; Chief Rodney Seurer of the Savage Minnesota Police Department, the Law Enforcement appointee; and most importantly, Vivienne Shockley of Billings Montana, who served as our Special Olympics Athlete appointee.

There were two At Large positions also voted on by the Regions, a Law Enforcement At Large position, and Special Olympics At Large position. The Special Olympics At Large was uncontested, and

Mark Musso of Missouri was elected to that position.

As for the Law Enforcement At Large position, we had a total of 5 individuals who put in for the position, and after the first round of elections, no one candidate had a majority of the necessary votes, and a run off election was necessary. Antonio Williams of Hawaii was then selected for the Law Enforcement At Large position.

At the Executive Council level this year, there were many new developments, which resulted in an election of both Chair of Council, as well as Vice Chair. Michael Teem, Retired Captain of the Raleigh/Durham Police Department was offered, and accepted a brand new position created by Special Olympics International, Executive Director of the Law Enforcement Torch Run®. Because of this new position, and his retirement from Law Enforcement, Michael could no longer serve as Chairman for Council. After a vote of Council members, Lieutenant Michael Peretti of the Livermore California Police Department was elected to fill the Chair position. Denny Aldridge, CEO of Special Olympics Wisconsin was also due for reappointment, but decided to step down from Council. Council then voted for Adrian DeWendt, CEO of Special Olympics Oklahoma to fill the Vice Chair position.

**The votes are in!**



## International Law Enforcement Torch Run® Conference Long Beach Rides The Wave To Success

By Lieutenant Mike Peretti, Torch Run Executive Council Chairman

A record number of Torch Runners at this year's Torch Run conference in Long Beach, California, were challenged to "Catch the Wave" and that they did! Filled with the excitement of the USC marching band, athlete dancers, and tunes from the Beach Boys, the atmosphere was that of energy and celebration in a fashion only SoCal can offer. Key note speakers such as Bruce Jenner, Jim Abbott and Rafer Johnson reminded us of the importance of sport and the role it plays in our lives and the opportunities it presents. Even a video welcome from Maria Shriver reminded us of how proud her mother was of what the Torch Run has accomplished and the lives we have changed through our efforts.

Dressed in Black and White attire, Torch Runners set sail on an unforgettable cruise upon the historic Queen Mary. The legends of a haunted ship did not spook these sailors as they were received with the grace and royalty only the "Queen" can deliver. In the classroom attendees of all levels of experience were overwhelmed with options as the conference committee unveiled their new "track" system guiding them to presentations designed to focus on one of three categories: newcomer, veteran, or fund raising. Sessions were overflowing as many new topics

were offered such as motivating volunteers, new recruitment strategies, how to tailor presentations to be better received by an audience, and many new ways to raise funds...which, by the way, hit an all time high as did the roar of the crowd when Interim Executive Council Chair Denny Alldridge announced total Torch Run revenues raised were **\$38.3 MILLION DOLLARS!**

The Richard LaMunyon Hall of Fame Banquet went pure Hollywood, complete with stars, paparazzi and a red carpet. With the pomp and circumstance of the Academy Awards, athletes in their finest gowns and tuxedos stole the show and as you would imagine, delivered the announcement of Hall of Fame inductees in the traditional secret envelope to Chief Richard LaMunyon himself. This was a star-studded spectacular event that filled us with memories and sent us on our way to Calgary, Alberta, Canada, 2011.

Congratulations to the Southern California Torch Run and all those who had a hand in making this inspirational conference a ride of a lifetime!





# International Law Enforcement Torch Run® Long Beach Rides The Wave To Success In Pictures



Host Night was on the elegant Queen Mary Ship.



Jim Abbott's message of perseverance resonated with the audience.



Catch the wave!



The USC Marching Band led the way for the Torch entrance.



An Academy Awards to remember...as we honored our Torch Run heroes.



The Southern California Special Olympic athlete stars and Vivienne Shockley on the Red Carpet!

# International Law Enforcement Torch Run® Long Beach Rides The Wave To Success In Pictures



LETR IC Torch Runners



Special Olympics athlete Jay White gave us goosebumps!



We were entertained by the High Tops Dance Ensemble!



The arrival of the Torch!



# International Law Enforcement Torch Run® Long Beach Rides The Wave To Success In Pictures



Bruce Jenner inspired us to set our goals high!



Rafer Johnson, Founder California Special Olympics



What an awesome experience to host the conference!



Calgary, here we come!



The Black and White theme aboard the Queen Mary was a hit for Torch Runners.



Richard LaMunyon, Founder Law Enforcement Torch Run® enjoying conference.



**Sports to friendships:  
Law Enforcement and  
Special Olympics athletes**  
By Marie-Josée Carroll, Special Olympics  
Québec



**Special Olympics**  
**Olympiques spéciaux**  
Québec

In 1997, Constable Rénald Plamondon of the CN Police became involved with the Law Enforcement Torch Run® in Montréal, Québec (Canada). In the beginning, he participated in different fundraising activities: train pulls, t-shirt sales, tip-a-cops, etc. Year after year, Constable Plamondon and his CN Police colleagues loved being in direct contact with the Special Olympics athletes. He decided to make it personal and went on a quest to find a parent of a Special Olympics athlete that worked for his organization.

After months of great detective work, he discovered that Mr. Daniel LeBlanc, Senior Director, Supply chain solution at the CN, had a son with an intellectual disability. Mr. LeBlanc is the proud father of Marc LeBlanc, a Special Olympics floor hockey athlete. He has been coaching *Les Dragons de la Rive-Sud* for the last 9 years. According to him, *Les Dragons de la Rive-Sud* always play with heart, determination and their key word during practices as well as competitions is to always have FUN!

For the last 5 years, *Les Dragons* have hosted a friendly floor hockey game where they play against a team of CN police officers. This event is more than a game as players from both teams go through the same warm-up routine and challenge each

other with a skill testing event. This leads up to a friendly game and afterwards, they all get together to share snacks and lots of laughs....Fun for all! The players look forward to this game as they look forward to Christmas! For Mr. Pierre Loiseau, parent of a Special Olympics athlete, the implication of the police officers with his son's team is unbelievable "They don't look at our kids as second class citizens."

But the benefits of these Games are clearly not only for the athletes! For Mike Melanson, CN police officer, it is a win-win situation: "They treat us well, we are almost like their heroes." The same can be said for André Lebreux, also a CN police officer, these games give him a reason to smile at the office the next day: "When I play against this team, for me, in my heart, I can't have a better day."

A true testament of the partnership between Law Enforcement and these Special Olympics athletes is their recent crowning as 2010 Team of the Year by Special Olympics Canada. They will be recognized as such by their high school on December 9<sup>th</sup> where *Les Dragons* Team Banner will be hoisted to the ceiling of the gymnasium. During this special occasion, their Law Enforcement Fans will be present to celebrate!

## Sports to friendships: Law Enforcement and Special Olympics athletes continued

Law Enforcement Torch Run is a definite passion for those involved and this great story is one of many stories that represent the dedication, determination and benefits that both athletes and officers get from this long-lasting relationship.

Congratulations to *Les Dragons de la Rive-Sud* for your recognition as 2010 Special Olympics Canada Team of the Year. Thank you to all the Law Enforcement officers in Québec involved in making great things happen for our athletes.

To find out more about *Les Dragons de la Rive-Sud*, you can watch the TSN special which aired on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 2010: <http://watch.tsn.ca/#clip374785>





## A Unique Union

By Lisa Carlone, Special Olympics Connecticut

*A Connecticut correctional facility partners with Special Olympics Connecticut as dedicated advocate and key fundraiser*

Police officers have had a strong relationship with Special Olympics Connecticut through Law Enforcement Torch Run®, and now, the York Correctional Institution of Niantic, Connecticut is paving the way for other correctional facilities to get involved with the organization. The York Correctional Institution set the bar high when they raised almost \$31,000 in 2009 and are well on their way to exceeding that total in 2010.



Their success has been credited to the amazing group of individuals who have sacrificed their personal time to volunteer at various events. The team at York has truly set a great example for their local community as well as for other correctional facilities. The team has motivated staff members and has inspired many family members to volunteer at the events.

In addition to the staff, the inmates at the York Correctional Institution also have been involved with fundraising for Special Olympics Connecticut. These inmates have proved that all people, despite their circumstances, have the ability to change attitudes and change lives. Many of the inmates participate and donate in an assortment of facility-lead events.

Some of the institution's most successful events have included the annual Tip-A-Cop events, the Penguin Plunge, as well as the Torch Run itself. In addition to these events, the institution has organized its own unique fundraisers such as the "Inmate Pictures Fund." During this program, photos of the inmates are taken and then handed out to their families during holiday visits. In return, the inmates give a donation to Special Olympics Connecticut in the form of an inmate withdrawal form. The inmate accounts department then writes a check to Special Olympics Connecticut directly. Another successful institution-specific event has been the inmate "Tips for Haircuts" program. The event begins in February and runs up until the day of the Law Enforcement Torch Run®. The inmates tip local cosmetology students for haircuts and again the funds are taken through the form of inmate withdrawal forms. All of the proceeds from this program go to Special Olympics Connecticut.

The York Correctional Institution is a wonderful model for implementing unique and successful fundraising programs. The facility has taken advantage of their large staff and has used a distinctive approach by involving the inmates. Not only does this team of individuals raise money for Special Olympics Connecticut, but they also boost facility morale and camaraderie!

Special Olympics Connecticut would like to thank the hard-working individuals at the York Correctional Institution for sparking such an infectious enthusiasm and support for the organization!



## McLaughlin named Torch Runner of the Year

By Jon Buzby, Special Olympics Delaware

Chief Ken McLaughlin oversees the Ocean View Police Department, with jurisdiction over a small town located in one of the southernmost points in Delaware. But his impact as a Special Olympics Delaware volunteer has been huge, and reached every corner of the state.

In recognition of his efforts as a volunteer over the last 15 years, McLaughlin has been named the Delaware Law Enforcement Torch Run 2010 Torch Runner of the Year.

"I am deeply honored and very proud to be named the Torch Runner of the Year," said McLaughlin, a 20-year veteran of the Delaware law enforcement community, including eight as chief of police.



McLaughlin's first experience with Special Olympics was handing out medals during an event at the Howard T. Ennis School in 1995. That same year he volunteered to raise money and ran in the annual Torch Run, a three-day, 161-mile run across the state leading up to the Summer Games. Little did he know that those two events would spark a passion for not only the Torch Run, but more importantly, the Special Olympics athletes who benefit from it.

"Ken McLaughlin fills a high profile position within law enforcement as a police chief," says John Miller, an investigator for the Attorney General's Office and state director of Delaware Law Enforcement for Special Olympics. "Yet despite his high-profile position, he truly epitomizes the term 'unsung hero' for Special Olympics and the Law Enforcement Torch Run®."

"Simply put, Ken McLaughlin is hard working, honest, motivated and humble – and totally dedicated to Special Olympics and its more than 3,300 athletes. He inspires others with his work ethic and zeal for volunteerism. He truly deserves to be honored as our Torch Runner of the Year in 2010."

Since that original experience, McLaughlin has entrenched himself into several volunteer roles, including serving as chairperson of the Delaware Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics in 2006 and actively recruiting fellow officers to join him in his year-round fundraising and volunteer efforts.

One of the highlights of his involvement was when he represented the entire Delaware law enforcement community as a member of the Law Enforcement Torch Run® Final Leg Team that delivered the *Flame of Hope* to the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Boise, Idaho.

Back here on the home front, in addition to his usual volunteer duties, McLaughlin's police department hosts an annual cycling event for the Mighty Marlins, a community-based team in Ocean View. It's a role he is enjoying more than he ever imagined.

"Working with the Marlins is great fun," he said. "The athletes are top notch and the coaches are too!"

McLaughlin was formally recognized on April 13 in a ceremony held at Dover Police Department, which was attended by several dignitaries, including Attorney General Beau Biden.

"Chief McLaughlin is the consummate team player," SODE executive director Ann Grunert says. "He has served our organization enthusiastically from the beginning."

McLaughlin will have the honor of carrying the *Flame of Hope* into the Summer Games opening ceremonies on June 11 at the Bob Carpenter Center on the University of Delaware campus. He, along with Special Olympics Delaware athlete of the year, Deborah McDaniel, will light the cauldron to officially open the Summer Games.

"The excitement and dedication of the athletes in this program is truly inspirational," McLaughlin said. "I'm really looking forward to meeting Deborah and delivering the *Flame of Hope* for the lighting of the cauldron at the Summer Games. It will be an awesome night."

For McLaughlin, it's a night that has been 15 years in the making.

## 中華台北火炬跑 – 邁入第二個10年！

### Torch Run of Chinese Taipei (Taiwan) Is Entering Its Second Decade!

Chinese: Joan Chang, Torch Run Liaison, Special Olympics Chinese Taipei (Taiwan)  
English: Hsiu Chen Yeh, Volunteer, Special Olympics Chinese Taipei (Taiwan)

#### 愛有多深 步伐就有多大

#### How Far A Step Taken Tells How Deep Is Our Love

親愛的朋友：

My dear friends,

我想和您分享，特殊奧運執法人員火炬跑活動，在台灣已經邁入第二個十年了！從200位員警開始，到現在能獲得警政署署長的支持，號召70,000員警一起來；從台北市，擴展到北區、中區、南區、東區，到2007年能舉辦「環島火炬跑」；為特殊奧運的募款金額，從一年新台幣十萬元，到能一年新台幣壹仟萬元以上！一件火炬跑T-恤，義賣NT\$500元，已成為員警運動的良伴、愛心與公益的寫照！帶著火炬跑T-恤，台灣的員警到國際年會的舞台上，發光、發熱、拓展國民外交！

I'd like to invite you to celebrate with the Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics for entering its second decade in Taiwan. Now we have grown stronger on the number of participating police officers, from 200 to 70,000 (called on by, and with the support of, the Director-General of National Police Agency). The reach of Games has grown from a single city, Taipei, to regions in the North, Central, South, and East portions of Taiwan. The amount of the funds raised for Special Olympics grew from NT\$100,000 a year to more than NT\$10,000,000 a year. Supporting the charity sale of a NT\$500 Torch Run T-shirt has become a hobby of police officers and is a reflection of their kindness and devotion to charity. Taiwan police officers have been seen and recognized, and have facilitated diplomacy when they spoke out on stage at International Conferences while wearing Torch Run T-shirts.

特殊奧運--用常年性的體育運動與家庭支援等各項活動幫助智障朋友與其家人。

中華台北特奧會，在這樣的支持下，由台北市一個點，拓展到全台16個辦事處；

各地辦事處和各地的警分局派出所，依照各地的資源，經常結合舉辦各項活動。

Special Olympics aids individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families thorough activities like providing year-round sports training and family support. Starting from Taipei City, Special Olympics Chinese Taipei (SOCT) has been able to set up 16 offices across Taiwan. The SOCT offices and the local police stations of police precincts work together to hold a variety of activities based on the available resources at each location.

特奧家長說：警察來參加我們孩子的比賽活動，太好了！

以前，會場都是冷冷清清的，只有我們自己人。

現在，警察來了，觀眾媒體也來了，

會有更多的人認識我們、認同我們、幫助我們！

## 中華台北火炬跑 – 邁入第二個10年！

### Torch Run of Chinese Taipei (Taiwan) Is Entering Its Second Decade!

特奧運動員說：我覺得警察很好啊！

他們會牽著我們一同跑步、陪我們練習、也會為我們加油！

警察跟我們一起玩滾球、籃球、桌球、保齡球.....。有時候，是我們贏警察喔！

“It’s great to have police officers join our kids’ games,” Special Olympics participating parents said. “We used to be the only ones here for the cheerless game, but now the audience and the media come along with the police officers. More and more people can know us, recognize us, and help us!” Special Olympics athletes said, “Police officers are very nice! They will hold our hands to run with us. They stay with us when we are in training and they cheer for us. We play Bocce, basketball, table tennis, and bowling together, and sometimes we win over the police officers!”

第二個十年，我們許下心願：

- 1) 遍地開花 – 發展更多特奧會的據點，更緊密地與各地警分局發展互動關係。
- 2) 向下扎根 -- 讓每一個警大畢業的同學 (=未來的警官們) 都認識特殊奧運與火炬跑。

Entering our second decade, we set goals to:

- 1) Blossom everywhere, establishing more Special Olympics offices and having closer interactions with the local police precincts.
- 2) Build a strong foundation. Let those who graduated from the Central Police University (the future police officers) know Special Olympics and the Torch Run.

還記得1999年第一次在台灣舉辦特殊奧運執法人員火炬跑活動，我們所推出的口號嗎？「愛有多深 步伐就有多大」！

特奧火炬跑 – 第二個十年，

請您繼續支持，一同參與，體驗美好，創造生命動人的樂章，寫下不朽的傳奇！

Remember the slogan **“How Far A Step Taken Tells How Deep Is Our Love!”** used for our first Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics in Taiwan in 1999?

The Torch Run of Chinese Taipei (Taiwan) is entering its second decade!

Please continue to give your support and join us in experiencing the wonders, creating heart-touching music in your life, and writing down the immortal legend!





# When Maryland Chiefs and Sheriffs take the Plunge, it's Totally Cool!



**Special Olympics Maryland**  
Be a fan of cool.  
All proceeds benefit Special Olympics Maryland

Please support members of the Maryland Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs Associations as they take the Plunge into the icy waters of the Atlantic Ocean in Ocean City on November 9, 2010 in support of the incredible athletes of Special Olympics Maryland.

**Donate Now**  
To your favorite Chiefs or Sheriff Association member at [www.boardwalkplunge.com](http://www.boardwalkplunge.com)  
For details, call Captain John Newnan at 410-313-2219

**Chiefs & Sheriffs BOARDWALK PLUNGE**  
TO BENEFIT **SPECIAL OLYMPICS MARYLAND**  
NOVEMBER 9, 2010  
[www.plungemd.com](http://www.plungemd.com)

While taking a refreshing dip in the Atlantic is an activity generally reserved for summer sunbathers in Ocean City, Maryland, a rather unique group of individuals took the Plunge on November 9th during the first-ever Chiefs & Sheriffs Boardwalk Plunge, a Law Enforcement Torch Run® event to benefit Special Olympics Maryland.

During the inaugural Chiefs and Sheriffs Boardwalk Plunge on Tuesday, November 9, over 100 members of the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association and the Maryland Sheriffs Associations plunged into the chilly Atlantic Ocean, with all proceeds benefiting the athletes of Special Olympics Maryland.

The group, in town for the Maryland Chiefs and Sheriffs annual seminar, plunged at 101st Street on the beach behind the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel where their seminar was being held.

This was a law enforcement only event for the members of the Chiefs and Sheriffs Association. The event gave an ocean-side makeover to the Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge, the annual Annapolis event which raised a record 3.5 million dollars in 2010. For countless years, the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association and the Maryland Sheriffs Association have been tremendous supporters of the Law Enforcement Torch Run® and Special Olympics Maryland and now, they've taken their support to Ocean City, a destination more accustomed to summer beachgoers than November Plungers.

"We are incredibly excited about the debut of the Boardwalk Plunge. It has been embraced by all the members of our associations and there was a lot of friendly fundraising competition going on!" said Maryland Law Enforcement Torch Run® Director, Captain John Newnan of the Howard County Police Department. "This Boardwalk Plunge allowed our law enforcement executives to make the most out of their time in Ocean City for the seminar while also raising awareness and donations for the athletes of Special

## Maryland Chiefs & Sheriffs Boardwalk Plunge continued

Olympics Maryland, our worldwide charity of choice. We were amazed that these Chiefs and Sheriffs association members raised over \$22,000 at this event!"

A very touching story involved a first time Plunger, Chief George Ball of the Trappe Police Department. Chief Ball raised \$570 for this worthwhile event in less than 1 week from 26 different donors.

One of the donors was 6 year old Elijah Palmer of Trappe. Elijah, who has cerebral palsy and is confined to a wheelchair most of the time, donated \$25 in change from his piggy bank to Chief Ball for the plunge. (Attached is a picture of Elijah (in wheelchair) presenting his donation to Chief Ball; with his 3-year-old sister Serenity; mother - Gloria Palmer; and Trappe Town Commissioner Walter Chase.) Chief Ball presented Elijah a Trappe Police Department patch and was very touched stating, "Hopefully, Elijah will be able to participate in Special Olympics."



Chief Ball and Elijah have been invited to participate in the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge on January 29, 2011, as one of the "guests of honor" by leading plungers to the water accompanied by Baltimore Ravens quarterback, Joe Flacco!





# Tenth Annual IACP Photo Contest

## Category A: Group

**1st Place**

Special Olympics New Mexico

Photo by Las Cruces Sun News Free Lance Photographer Norm Dettlaff:



**2nd Place**

Launch of the 2010 Special Olympics Regional Games (Limerick)

Photo by: Pacemaker Press Intl.

**3rd Place**

Special Olympics New South Wales

Photo by: Melvyn Knipe







# Tenth Annual IACP Photo Contest

## Category B: Spirit



**1st Place**

Special Olympics New York

Photo submitted by: Renee Snyder & Terry Tomczyk



**3rd Place**

Special Olympics New York

Photo submitted by: Renee Snyder & Kalia Horton



**2nd Place**

Alabama Law Enforcement Torch Run

Photo by: Janie Shelswell-White



# Tenth Annual IACP Photo Contest

## Category C: Officer & Athlete

**1st Place**

Special Olympics Minnesota

Photo by: Adam Hjerpe



**2nd Place**

Special Olympics Manitoba

Photo submitted by: Laurel Cumming



**3rd Place**

Special Olympics Nevada

Photo submitted by: Steve Cabrales



# Tenth Annual IACP Photo Contest

## Category D: Guardians of the Flame®



**1st Place**

Special Olympics North Carolina  
Photo submitted by: Dot Kohlbach



**3rd Place**

Law Enforcement Torch Run — Maryland  
Photo by: Steve Ruark



**2nd Place**

2010 Final Leg Torch Run — Illinois  
Photo by: Michele Henson





# Tenth Annual IACP Photo Contest

## Category E: Professional



### 1st Place

2010 Final Leg Torch Run — Nebraska  
Photo by: David Kramer



### 2nd Place

2010 Final Leg Torch Run — Nebraska  
Photo by: Andrea Kramer



### 3rd Place

2010 Final Leg Torch Run — Nebraska  
Photo by: Andrea Kramer



2011 International Law Enforcement Torch Run® Conference  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada  
30th Anniversary

“Reaching New Heights”



As Chief Richard LaMunyon said during the closing ceremonies in Long Beach, “Our most sacred ceremony of the conference is the passing of the *Flame of Hope*, a ceremony symbolizing where we have been and where we are going”. For the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this great movement, we are “Reaching New Heights” and moving forward in making this conference truly international.

With the conference coming to Canada in November of 2011, there are some important details that we would like everyone to be aware of so you don't miss this great opportunity to experience Alberta.

#### Passports

Everyone traveling to Canada will need a valid passport. If you follow the links below it will provide all the information you need.

#### **CANADA BORDER SERVICES AGENCY: VISITORS TO CANADA**

<http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/noncan-eng.html>

#### **COUNTRIES WHO'S CITIZENS REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO ENTER CANADA**

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>

#### Gun Legislation

Leave all your weapons/guns at home! You WILL NOT be allowed into Canada if you are carrying any weapons!!



Our amazing partners at Tourism Calgary are developing a micro site within their main website that will be available in January 2011. There will be 10 links that you can access to help you plan your trip to the conference and Alberta. Log into the site each month for updates on the conference and activities at [www.visitcalgary.com](http://www.visitcalgary.com).



If you have any specific concerns you can email Det. Theresa Garagan at [tgaragan@calgarypolice.ca](mailto:tgaragan@calgarypolice.ca). We are very excited to be hosting the 30th Annual International Law Enforcement Torch Run® conference in Alberta, Canada in 2011. This also coincides with the 30th anniversary of Special Olympics Calgary. Please pick up a copy of the Spring 2011 Guardian for more exciting conference information!





## More than a Band — Greg and the Boys

The 2011 International Law Enforcement Torch Run® Conference is being held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and the theme for the conference is “Reaching New Heights.” We have already secured entertainment for the hospitality night and we are so excited! Greg and the Boys started with an innocent dream, a simple request that has resulted in a group that above all else has learned the value of friendship. Greg O’Brien at first glance will undoubtedly catch your eye, his Down syndrome gives him a stereotype of a “disability” that society often does not know how to engage or appreciate. What sets Greg apart is the fact that he is not afraid to share his dreams and express what he has always wanted to do, and that is to sing in a band and perform in front of audiences. Greg shared his innocent dream with me four years ago when he asked me to help him form a band—an invitation that I responded to immediately.



(Left to right - Daniel Rossi, Miles Krauter, Greg O’Brien, Andrew Rossi and Rob Skelly)

Over the course of four years, Greg and his Boys have performed at various venues in front of hundreds of people. At first, our message was the beauty in disabilities and valuing other for their talents and gifts, as we each have something unique to offer this world. Now, Greg and the Boys organize educational concerts that address social issues within our local, national and international communities. With every performance, Greg reshapes peoples perceptions of intellectual disabilities, and, without knowing it, has changed countless minds on how those with disabilities are viewed by society. Greg is a role model; he has the humble opportunity to influence society without knowing it, and at the same time empower others of the same stereotype with each curtain that closes after our concerts.

Greg has taught us how to appreciate the Backstreet Boys and sing with all your heart, Greg treats every performance as if Hollywood is watching; and we love him for it. Greg has taught each of us the beauty in vulnerability. Those that have watched Greg and the Boys perform walk away knowing that we have fun; we may not be the best singers to ever sing on a stage, but we have the most heart and are privileged to be a part of Greg’s dream for as long as we can.



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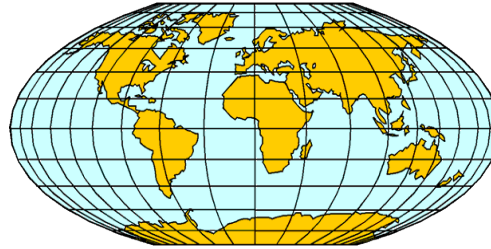
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