

AN INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT...

The **Law Enforcement Torch Run®** for **Special Olympics** is an international series of torch relays, run by law enforcement officers, leading up to each state or nation's Special Olympics Summer Games. Law enforcement officers raise money in conjunction with their respective Torch Runs for their local Special Olympics program.

The **Law Enforcement Torch Run®** began in 1981 when Wichita, Kansas Police Chief Richard LaMunyon saw an urgent need to raise funds for, and increase awareness of Special Olympics. He conceived of the idea of a Torch Run as a way to involve local law enforcement personnel in the community and with Special Olympics.



With IACP's enthusiastic support and leadership, as well as the involvement of all facets of the law enforcement community – Sheriff's associations, police unions, state, county, municipal, military, federal law enforcement, and corrections officers – the Torch Run has expanded into 50 states and 80+ nations.

Every two years, law enforcement officers representing their state or nation's Torch Run program, comprise a 'Final Leg Team', which carries the Olympic flame to the Opening Ceremonies of the Special Olympics World Games; and in intervening years – USA National Games.

IN DELAWARE...

Delaware Law Enforcement for Special Olympics has emerged as one of Special Olympics' largest grass-roots fund-raiser and public awareness vehicles. Their year-round effort combines the presentation of medals at all Special Olympics Games as well as fund-raisers such as the Ads Solicitation Campaign, Dodgeball Madness, 5K Run to the Plunge, Ride to the Tide, Over the Edge, Truck Convoy, and a 160-mile Torch Run.

In 2017, nearly 500 police officers will run in Delaware's **Law Enforcement Torch Run®** - the signature event of their year-round efforts

Throughout the year, over 600 officers participate in the Torch Run counting support services, traffic control, Special Olympics and fundraising volunteers. With more than 60 of Delaware's Law Enforcement agencies involved in the Torch Run, over 25% of all police officers participate in **Delaware Law Enforcement® for Special Olympics**.

DE Torch Runners of the Year

- '87 **Douglas F. Tuttle** *University of Delaware*
- '88 **John M. Miller *** *Delaware State Police*
- '89 **D. Scott Peck** *Delaware River & Bay Authority*
- '90 **Gregory D. Nolt *** *Delaware State Police*
- '91 **Preston A. Lewis** *Delaware State Police*
- '92 **Edward L. Mayfield, Jr.** *Delaware State Police*
- '93 **Susan K. Poley *** *Newark Police Department*
- '94 **Joseph N. Forester** *Delaware State Police*
- '95 **Creig W. Doyle** *Rehoboth Beach Police Dept*
- '96 **Dan Hall * & Jeff Oldham** *Delaware State Police*
- '97 **Jay J. King *** *Department of Corrections (SCI)*
- '98 **Ralph Johnson** *Newark Police Department*
- '99 **Pete Schwartzkopf** *Delaware State Police*
- '00 **Mark Daniels *** *Delaware State Police*
- '01 **John Fogelgren** *Wilmington Department of Police*
- '02 **Ben Nefosky** *Delaware State Police*
- '03 **Rich Dennis *** *Delaware State Police*
- '04 **Leslie 'Lad' Dick** *Delaware State Police*
- '05 **Wayne Kline *** *DNREC Division of Parks & Recreation*
- '06 **Adam Wright** *Delaware State Police*
- '07 **Bruno Battaglia *** *Wilmington Department of Police*
- '08 **Thomas F. Mac Leish** *Delaware State Police*
- '09 **Randy E. Fisher *** *Delaware State Police*
- '10 **Ken McLaughlin *** *Ocean View Police Department*
- '11 **Randy Lee** *Delaware State Fire Marshall's Office*
- '12 **Chip Simpson *** *Delaware State Police*
- '13 **Karen Messner** *New Castle County Police Department*
- '14 **Jason Stevenson *** *Delaware State Police*
- '15 **Christopher Popp** *Delaware State Police*
- '16 **Danielle Martin *** *Delaware State Police*
- '17 **Andrew Manning** *DNREC Division of Parks & Recreation*

* Represented Delaware in Final Leg to Special Olympics National or World Games

**Law Enforcement for Special Olympics
Chairpersons**

'89 Charlie Oberly	Attorney General
'90 Col. Tom Gordon	New Castle County
'90 Col. Cliff Graviet	DSP
'91 Chief Dick Carmean	Milford
'92 Chief Guy Sapp	Wilmington
'93 Chief James Hutchison	Dover
'94 Chief Creig Doyle	Rehoboth
'95 Col. Alan Ellingsworth	DSP
'96 Chief Bill Hogan	Newark
'97 Chief Bob Miller	Seaford
'98 Col. Jack Cunningham	NCCPD
'99 Chief Mike Boykin	Wilmington
'00 Chief Richard Pounsberry	Seaford
'01 Col. Gerald Pepper	DSP
'02 Chief Kevin McDerby	New Castle City
'03 Col. Aaron Chaffinch	DSP
'04 Chief Jeff Horvath	Dover
'05 Chief Mike Szczerba	Wilmington
'06 Chief Ken McLaughlin	Ocean View
'07 Col. Thomas MacLeish	DSP
'08 Chief Jim Flatley	UDPD
'09 Chief Mark Anderson	Harrington
'10 Chief Keith Banks	Rehoboth Beach
'11 Col. Robert Coupe	DSP
'12 Chief Patrick Ogden	UDPD
'13 Chief Scott Collins	Selbyville
'14 Chief Wayne Kline & Chief Jim Hosfelt	DE Nat'l Resources Dover
'15 Col. Nate McQueen	DSP
'16 Col. Rick Arroyo	DRBA
'17 Chief Bobby Cummings	Wilmington

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Greg Nolt Division of Gaming Enforcement

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Special Olympics is an international program which, through year-round sports training and competition in the Olympic tradition, gives people with intellectual disabilities the chance to strengthen their character, develop their physical skill, display their talents and fulfill their human potential.

In its 31 years – the Torch Run has raised over \$6.5 million dollars to support Special Olympics year-round program of sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

Today, Special Olympics Delaware involves more than 4,000 athletes and an additional 800 unified partners. The program is supported by a network of over 4,000 volunteers who serve as the motivational framework with which sports training and competition in 19 sports takes place.

As the athletes in Special Olympics raise the bar of performance for themselves - so too they raise the bar for us... challenging us to provide programming that maximizes their performance and enhances their experience. As we develop programs that empower our athletes - we know that Special Olympics Delaware will continue to be a place where everyone can fully and freely apply their capabilities to being the best they can be.

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