



Volunteer Opportunities

Ads Solicitations

A campaign to solicit local businesses to support Special Olympics through advertising in one of two publications: digital "Year in Review" and Summer Games Program (ad size dictates which publication the ad is featured in.) Many businesses are repeat advertisers but we are always looking for new supporters.

Agency Rep

There are over 100 law enforcement agencies – federal, state, county and municipal - in the state of Delaware. There is an urgent need for every agency to have a designated "agency rep" who acts as a liaison between his/her agency and the Torch Run Executive Committee and the year-round, statewide Torch Run effort.

Agency representatives provide a very important link of communication and education for Torch Run volunteer opportunities, Torch Run and SODE events, upcoming meetings, etc.

Agency reps are especially important at Torch Run time, starting with the county-wide LETR Kickoff meetings in mid-April. Agency reps provide all Torch Run information to each and every officer in their department and work hand-in-hand with their respective Leg Coordinator to disseminate all Torch Run information and forms and complete a full list of agency Torch Runners, funds raised, etc.



Delaware Memorial Bridge Run to Acceptance for Special Olympics

For the first time since the bridge has spanned the Delaware River, the Delaware Memorial Bridge will host a fundraising event where "first responders" will take part in the Delaware Memorial Bridge Run to Acceptance for Special Olympics on Sunday, October 1, 2017, at 7 a.m. The event is limited to active and retired first responders ages 18 and older: law enforcement, fire, EMS, and military personnel.

In advance of the event, volunteers are needed to recruit participants from the "first responder" community at large. Volunteers from LESO will play a vital role in event planning, overall logistics and course safety. Other volunteer opportunities include manning early packet pick up locations, hospitality, awards, set-up and break down.



Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)

Assistant Leg Coordinator

Each year the 160-mile Torch Run is completed – safely. There is a great deal of planning and communication and hard work that must be done by the respective Leg Coordinators, including personal contact with each agency and the development of and confirmation of an agency rep for each agency.

LETR Bike Prologue

Returning in 2016 after a decade-long absence, the bike prologue offers law enforcement, family and friends the opportunity to participate in an escorted ride traveling from Rehoboth Elementary to the Indian River Inlet Bridge and back (16.6 miles). Participants will muster upon their return to Rehoboth Elementary before a police-escorted departure to the Delaware Law Enforcement Torch Run Kick-Off at 7:00pm at the Rehoboth Beach Bandstand. Volunteers are needed to serve as escorts for the ride as well as assist with “on-site” logistics, registration and hospitality for the event.

LETR Ceremonies

In the three days leading to the Special Olympics Summer Games, held in June, Law Enforcement relay the Flame of Hope 160 miles across Delaware to the culmination of the presentation of the Flame by the Torch Runner of the Year to the Athlete of the Year. Along the way – there are four ceremonies designed to highlight the movement of the torch across the state. Volunteers will be asked to assist in managing the logistics for one of the four ceremonies to include: managing the arrival of the torch, identifying the torch bearer, dignitaries, script, MC, entertainment and PA. Traditionally, the ceremonies have been held in Rehoboth Beach, Legislative Hall in Dover, Wilmington and Newark.

“Flame of Hope” Leg Volunteer

These volunteers ensure the “Flame of Hope” remains lit for the entire 160-mile journey of the Torch Run. Volunteers will be assigned by Leg and meet the run at strategic mile points to keep the flame lit.



Merchandising

The official Torch Runner T-shirt is offered for sale to the general public and non-runners. Volunteers are needed to be agency reps in helping generate sales within their department. Sales are targeted in the weeks leading up to the Torch Run in June and at Summer Games.



Medal Presentations

Law enforcement officers have a presence at all awards ceremonies conducted at Special Olympics Delaware sports competitions. Regardless of the size of the event or its location in the state, law enforcement is committed to filling one of the most significant volunteer roles as “medal presenters.” The joy an athlete feels upon receipt of a medal is only matched by the emotion felt by the officer who actually presents it. Many of those who are truly committed to the DE LESO movement started their involvement by presenting medals. It is one of the simplest but most rewarding opportunities available.

There are nearly 50 competitions held throughout the state where medals are awarded to SODE athletes.

Over the Edge The inaugural event was held in 2011 and is traditionally hosted on the second Thursday in May. "Edgers" who raise a minimum of \$1,100 have the chance of the lifetime to rappel 17 stories down one of Wilmington's premier office buildings - 300 Delaware Avenue. Over the Edge, sponsored by TD Bank, Brandywine Realty Trust, and the New Castle County Fire Service is extreme adventure with extreme community impact!



Over the Edge utilizes law enforcement as ropes handlers and general support volunteers. Law enforcement continues to be one of the largest groups of "edgers" as well each year!



Polar Bear Plunge Safety & 5K Run to the Plunge The Lewes Polar Bear Plunge, sponsored by Wawa, held annually on the first Sunday in February, has developed into a truly unique Delaware happening and has also become one of Special Olympics Delaware's most significant fundraisers.

Thousands of 'Polar Bears' pack Rehoboth Beach – with thousands more lining the boardwalk to catch a glimpse of the spectacle – and, at 1 p.m., take an icy dip into the Atlantic Ocean to raise money and awareness for Special Olympics Delaware.

Volunteers are utilized to assist with on-beach safety. Time commitment is 11:30am to 1:30pm on the day of the Plunge. The 5K Run to the Plunge, sponsored by Jack Lingo Realtor, is held on the Boardwalk the Saturday before the Plunge. Volunteers for the run are needed from 10am-3pm.

Red Robin "Tip-A-Cop" Traditionally held on a Saturday in October, law enforcement officers volunteer their time as "Celebrity Waiters" to collect tips at Red Robin restaurants to support Special Olympics Delaware. Red Robin has three locations in Delaware (Christiana, Glasgow, and Brandywine). Our volunteer celebrity waiters are needed for both the lunch and dinner shifts on the day of the event.



Ride to the Tide Ride to the Tide is a police-escorted motorcycle ride from Smyrna to Rehoboth Beach. The ride, organized by Blue Knights Delaware - Chapter 1, is sponsored by Delmarva Power and Jake's Seafood House. The ride will depart from the Rommel Harley-Davidson in Smyrna and continues south to its final destination point at Jake's Seafood Restaurant on Rt 1, just south of Rt 24 in Rehoboth. Volunteers are needed to promote the event as well as assist with "on-site" logistics and registration

in Smyrna and at Jake's Seafood House in Rehoboth.

Truck Convoy Sponsored by WalMart, FedEx Ground, and Perdue, this one day event features representatives of the trucking industry participating in a convoy – which follows a route in and around Harrington. The event features breakfast, lunch, raffles and entertainment. Volunteers are needed in advance to assist with truck recruitment and obtaining raffle items. On the day of the convoy, help with parking as well as the festival (food and entertainment) is necessary.

