

Guardian Newsletter- 2017 1st Quarter Edition



Hello LETR supporters,

Guardians of the Flame and Heroes of our athletes: That is what law enforcement in Washington represents first and foremost. You are the common thread that connects our local programs, families and athletes. As you carry the torch, raise funds, coach, or volunteer at games you send a message to the world that you support our athletes. You understand them and protect them. So the relationship between Law Enforcement and Special Olympics is MUCH more than a fundraiser. It is a role model for community engagement. It is a tangible example of "public trust" that is part of the law enforcement oath. But competition is also a big part of the law enforcement community! As you encourage our athletes to compete and do their best, you encourage each other through this year's "GAME ON" campaign. So THANK YOU for all you have done to make our athletes feel safe and valued in their communities; and GOOD LUCK as the competition between agencies heats up in 2017. Just know that no matter where your department ends up in the rankings, our athletes will be the real winners!

Sincerely,

Dave Lenox
President & CEO
Special Olympics Washington

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Volunteer Opportunity:

Winter Games!

The annual Winter Games brings together some of the best athletes and teams from around the state to

Polar Plunge Season

The Polar Plunge season is over halfway done.

Thank you to all the officers and support staff that helped to make our plunges such successes! So far we have raised over

participate in Figure Skating, Speed Skating, Cross Country Skiing, Alping Skiing and Snowboarding and Basketball.

This year's games will be held in Wenatchee from March 3-5, and we would love to have YOU there as volunteers!

Please check the [online calendar](#) for more information or to register as a volunteer. Or email [Sandy Maus](#) directly to sign up for an shift to hand out awards.

Save the Date: LETR Kick-Off Conference

Special Olympics Washington is excited to be hosting a LETR Kick-Off conference this spring! This conference will be held at the Wenatchee Convention Center on April 17, with an optional hospitality night on April 16. The conference will be free of charge to all Law Enforcement Officers that wish to attend.

This conference will be a great opportunity for past, present, and prospective LETR supporters to learn more about the relationship is between Law Enforcement and Special Olympics so all are encouraged to join!

[Register Today](#)

\$230,000 through the plunge series, but we need YOUR help to reach our goal.

There are still three more plunges occurring across the state and we would love to see each of you at one.

Do Good. Win Big.

Register and raise a minimum of \$150 for any one of the seven Special Olympics Washington Polar Plunge events by Friday, March 31 at 3:30p.m. and you will be entered to win a five-star 7-day Caribbean or Mexico ocean view cruise for two on Holland America, PLUS two airfare tickets!

Don't miss out, sign up for a plunge today:

Feb 25 | [Tacoma Polar Plunge](#)
Mar 11 | [Anacortes Dash & Splash](#)
Mar 18 | [Redmond Dash & Splash](#)

[Register Today!](#)

Calling all agencies- Polar Plunge Challenge

Form a team of Plungers from your agency and start fundraising today and your agency could win! At the end of the Polar Plunge season (March), the top fundraising law enforcement individual and largest law enforcement group of Plungers will be qualified to win a trip to the 2017 Law Enforcement Torch Run International Conference in Nashville, Tennessee!*



**Trip includes airfare, hotel and conference fees for one top LE fundraising individual and one team member as a representative. The largest LE group receive one trip and will decide who from their agency will attend the conference. Conference is Sept 21-23, 2017.*

#GameOn

We are rolling out the **\$2,017 for 2017** Game On Challenge to all law enforcement! For the entire month of May agencies all across the state will be going above and beyond the call of duty to help us make an even bigger impact in the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities, their families, and the communities in which we serve.

This challenge encourages all agencies to commit to raising

2017 LETR T-Shirts

It's almost time to start ordering your agency's 2017 LETR shirts. You can see a picture of the design below.

Orders can be made online at the SOWA store, or sent to the SOWA office if you wish to order in bulk for your department. The first bulk order will be placed at the end of the month.

[Bulk Order Form and Instructions](#)

[Order Online](#)



Questions ?

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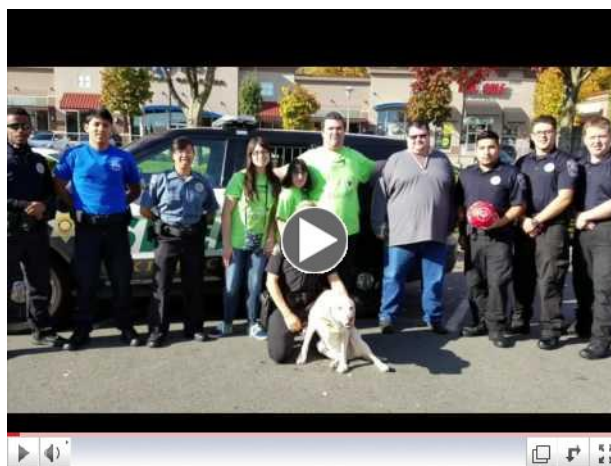
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\$2,017, all in support of Special Olympics Washington Athletes. If your agency is in and ready to take on the Game On challenge please contact Jennifer Suniga for more information. All agencies that sign up will be highlighted as a Game On agencies!



Learn More about getting your #GameOn!

Meet Your Council

Rex Caldwell, Executive Director

Contact Rex for questions or comments about the Torch Run Campaign and how law enforcement plays into the vision of Special Olympics.

E-Mail: director@sowalet.org

Brian Asmus, Deputy Director

Contact Brian about getting involved with the Law Enforcement Torch Run, LETR Leadership and/or the Executive Council, advise for fundraising strategies and before engaging corporate sponsorships.

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Jay Hughes, Assistant Director

Contact Jay about the day to day operations of the statewide LETR Campaign.

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