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Guardian Newsletter Summer Edition

Letter from the Director

Hello everyone,

What a fantastic year 2016 has been so far. As Law Enforcement professionals, we have an outstanding message to share with media and communities. The work being done with LETR creates relationships that benefit both the agencies and those in our community who are often overlooked.

There was a re-organization of the leadership team at Special Olympics Washington. SOWA brought in a new leader with Aimee Sheridan in the role of Vice President of Philanthropy. Rejoining the team after an absence is Mary Do in the role of Assistant VP of Philanthropy. She joins Jennifer Suniga, Director of Campaigns, Kendyll Opel, Marketing Coordinator, and Chris Roof, Special Events Coordinator.

We are approaching 2017 as a re-building year. We are excited to announce that we are rolling out a new annual fund drive to elevate the fundraising and awareness efforts for LETR. Our goal is to challenge every one of our state's 300 agencies to each raise **\$2,017** through a six week drive next year leading up to the annual Spring Games. This alone has the potential to raise over **\$600,000** for Special Olympics Washington! The plan will be rolled out at the LETR State Conference in April.

Also, the Special Olympics USA Games are coming to Washington in 2018. This will be an incredible opportunity for Special Olympics Washington and the Washington LETR Campaign to highlight our efforts on a national platform. Everyone in law enforcement will have an opportunity to play an instrumental role in welcoming the "Flame of Hope" and cheering on the 3,500 Special Olympics athletes from across the nation. There will be much more information about that over the next year!

Thank you for all you each do,

Chief Rex Caldwell
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Meet the Philanthropy Staff

Upcoming Events:

September 3

The Great Inflatable Race, Spokane

September 10

Wheels and Wings Show, Monroe

September 11

Salmon Bake, Lake Forest Park

September 15-17

International LETR Conference

October 7

King County Polar Plunge Kick-off Party, Kent

October 22

Red Robin Tip A Cop, State-Wide

October-November

Regional Bowling Tournaments

February-March
Polar Plunge Season

Calendar of Events

Special Thank You!

Thank you to officers from the Everett, Lynnwood, and Snohomish County Sheriff's Police Departments for helping at the 2016 Summer Sports Classic.

Officers hosted a booth, formed the Wall of Honor, escorted the Flame of Hope during Opening Ceremony, and handed out medals at the Award Ceremonies. Your hard work and dedication is very much appreciated!

Summer Sports Classic Photos

Are you in the Top Ten?

Washington has seen a lot of great fundraising from LETR this year, but as we enter further into the second half it's time to see who's been raising the most! See below for the Top Ten fundraising agencies.

Do you see your agency on this list?

1. Kennewick PD- \$50,535.79
2. Liberty Lake PD- \$48,315.37
3. Yakima PD- \$21,141.50
4. Redmond PD- \$20,514
5. Douglas County Sheriff- \$17,082.22
6. King County Sheriff- \$13,314.58
7. Fife PD- \$8,125.47
8. LE of Skagit County- \$7,040.85
9. Enumclaw PD- \$4,435.49
10. Monroe PD- \$3,732

There's still plenty of time in the year to host an event, or elevate your local Red Robin Tip-A-Cop, to get there!

Circle of Honor



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