

Guardian Newsletter- 2016 Winter Edition



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Thank you so much for your continued support of Special Olympics Washington athletes and family members through the Law Enforcement Torch Run®. As we bring 2016 to a close we have a great deal for which to be thankful. Our program efforts raised nearly \$500,000 locally to bring opportunities for athletic competition, inclusion, and medical assistance to more than 14,500 individual athletes with intellectual disabilities across this great state. That said, for every one of those athletes there are still 13 waiting for their chance to compete.

It has been my humble honor to be the Director of LETR for the past several years. As we transition to new leadership in 2017, I believe we will see exciting updates and ever more progress.

Becoming involved has never been easier, or more important. Our profession is going through a difficult period. Your participation in LETR offers incredible opportunities for building public trust, community involvement, and giving back. Many studies show that acts of kindness and generosity benefit the giver as well as the receiver. These are some of the most basic ideals in service.

For 2017, LETR is kicking off the #GameOn project. We are hoping to raise \$2,017 in 2017 from each agency in the state. If your agency is already involved, an additional \$2,017 in fundraising efforts is the goal. There are a multitude of ways to get involved, including participating in one of the 8 Polar Plunge locations across the state, Tip-a-Cop, NW Ride of Dreams, Fun Run With the Cops, Hoopin' for Heroes and more. There are fantastic year-round opportunities to host events all over the state and the only limit is your imagination.

Looking out further, Washington State is hosting the 2018 Special Olympics USA Games. This event will bring more than athletes and coaches to our corner of the country. The Final Leg Torch Run, featuring Law Enforcement officers, deputies, troopers, and more will cross-cross the state and showcase the beauty and variety of the area to a national audience.

Many thanks and Happy Holidays,

Chief Rex D. Caldwell

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Law Enforcement Torch Run Executive Council Director

EVENTS

Upcoming
LETR Events:

December 18 |
[Spokane Ugly
Sweater Run](#)

January 8 |
[Spokane Chief's
Hockey Night](#)

January 20 |
[80's Skate Party
for SOWA](#)

February 21 |
[Hoopin' 4 Heroes](#)



Volunteering Opportunities:

Winter Sports Season!

Please check

the [online calendar](#) for

your local tournament

dates. All Law

Enforcement Officers

are welcome and

invited to volunteer!

Honor Roll

Thank you so much to all of the agencies that have participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run over the past year! Congratulations to our top 5 fundraising agencies!

1. Liberty Lake PD-
\$56,026.76
2. Kennewick PD-
\$54,878.17
3. Redmond PD-
\$26,064
4. Yakima PD-
\$23,748.13

5. King County Sheriff-
\$18,415.58

Polar Plunge Season!

Are you already thinking of a way to ring in the New Year? Sign up for your local Polar Plunge!

Want to make an even BIGGER splash? Encourage people from your department to form a team and plunge together!

All participants need to do is raise \$50 or \$75; depending on your plunge location. Every dollar you raise will help make a difference in the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities right here in Washington.

Jan 21 | [Tri-Cities Polar Plunge](#)

Feb 3 | [Seattle Super Plunge](#)

Feb 4 | [Seattle Polar Plunge](#)

Feb 11 | [Wenatchee Polar Plunge](#)

Feb 17 | [Spokane Super Plunge](#)

Feb 18 | [Spokane Polar Plunge](#)

Feb 25 | [Tacoma Polar Plunge](#)

Mar 11 | [Anacortes Dash & Splash](#)

Mar 18 | [Redmond Dash & Splash](#)

Mar 18 | [Yakima Polar Plunge](#)



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