

Guardian Newsletter- 2017 2nd Quarter Edition

Join us for the 2017 LETR Kick-Off Conference!

Help Special Olympics Washington serve 17,000 athletes across the state and get your #GameOn at this year's Law Enforcement Torch Run Conference!

The LETR Kick-Off and Awards Luncheon will take place on Monday, April 17 and brings together law enforcement volunteers throughout the state. Registration is **FREE** to all law enforcement officers. At the conference, officers will attend training seminars developed for both the newcomer and experienced volunteer. Courses will include topics such as how to fundraise, organize a Torch Run, maximize PR/Media and build community partnerships. It is also an opportunity to engage new volunteers and agencies who wish to learn different ways to get involved and meet our local athletes.

Come learn about how your agency and personnel can take part in the \$2017 for 2017 #GameOn Campaign and participate in the 2018 Special Olympics USA Games Final Leg!

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Upcoming Events:

March 28: [Adams Bistro Tip-A-Cop](#)

April 6: [Claim Jumpers Tip-A-Cop](#)

April 14: [Crusin' With the Cops](#)

April 17: [LETR Kick Off Conference](#)

April 23: [All in for Autism 10K Fun Run](#)

May 23: [Breakfast With Champions](#)



World Games Final Leg

SOWA is honored to have had Airway Heights Police Officer Mikeal Suniga representing Washington in the 2017 Austria World Winter Games Final Leg over the past few weeks. Officer Suniga has been an LETR supporter for many years, helping to plan and facilitate events such as Polar Plunges, Tip-A-Cop, Cop On Top, Fill the Cones, 5Ks and more. He also serves on the LETR Executive Council and is active in the US Military. You can see photos from his journey on Special Olympics Washington's Social Media sites or via the [Final Leg SmugMug account](#). Thank you for all you do Officer Suniga!

[See Photos](#)

June 16: [US Marshalls Shootout](#)

July 15: [Tacoma Color in Motion 5K](#)

Volunteer Opportunities:

Spring Season!

Spring Season includes top notch competition in soccer, powerlifting, swimming, track and field and more.

There are many opportunities for law enforcement employees and their friends/family to volunteer at area, regional or state tournaments.

Please check the [online calendar](#) for more information or to register as a volunteer. Email Special Olympics Washington Volunteer Coordinator [Elise Tinseth](#) directly for more specific information.

2017 LETR T-Shirts

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 second bulk order will be placed at the end of the month.

[Bulk Order Form and Instructions](#)

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#GameOn

We are rolling out the **\$2,017 for 2017 #GameOn** 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 \$2,017, all in support of Special Olympics Washington Athletes. If your agency is in and ready to take on the #GameOn challenge, please contact [Jennifer Suniga](#) for more information. All agencies that sign up will be highlighted as a #GameOn agencies!



Learn more about how to get your #GameOn!

Polar Plunge Update

Thank you to all the law enforcement officers that participated in Special Olympics Washington's seven Polar Plunges. So far the Plunges have raised \$350,000 statewide!

Didn't take the plunge but still want to play a part? Don't worry, there's still a chance to fundraise...and win!

Win A Tropical Cruise:

Continue to fundraise to 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!



Questions?

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Law Enforcement Challenge:

It's not too late to get involved! If members from your agency plunged at any of the seven locations across Washington your team can continue to fundraise or recruit virtual plungers, and if your agency wasn't involved you can still form a team of plungers and fundraise! At the end of the Polar Plunge season (March 31), 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 at the Gaylord Opryland, Nashville.*

