



Law Enforcement Executive:

The Law Enforcement Torch Run® (LETR) for Special Olympics is the Special Olympics movement's largest grass-roots fundraiser and public awareness vehicle in the world. In 2011, dedicated law enforcement volunteers raised US\$42.6 million for Special Olympics Programs around the world and eclipsed US\$410 million raised since the inception of the LETR.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run began in 1981 when Wichita, Kansas (USA) Police Chief Richard LaMunyon saw an urgent need to raise funds for and increase awareness of Special Olympics. The LETR was quickly endorsed by Special Olympics, Inc. and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), now recognized as the Founding Law Enforcement Organization of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

At the 2011 Annual Conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police in Chicago, the IACP and Special Olympics International (SOI) entered into a new agreement. This Agreement provides that the continuing relationship between IACP and SOI will look for new ways to advance each other's organization and support each other's efforts.

We need the assistance of all law enforcement executives to not only support the LETR, but to encourage and allow members of your organizations to become involved with our charity of choice, in raising awareness and funds for our athletes and their families. As leaders, you clearly set the course for your organizations, and while they look to you for your leadership in law enforcement initiatives, this program truly allow law enforcement officers to help those who need and deserve it.

If you need additional information or have suggestions on how we can continue to grow and partner more closely with Special Olympics International, please feel free to contact either your State Director or either of us.

We thank you for your continuing support for the LETR.

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