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Kansas LETR Representative Selected for 2017 World Winter Games in Austria

Mission, KS.—Special Olympics Kansas is proud to announce that Cpl. James Browning, Merriam Police Department, will be attending the 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria, March 14-25, as a representation in the Final Leg of the Torch Run.

James is one of 85 LETR runners from around the globe who will be carrying the Flame of Hope throughout cities, towns and communities across Austria during the week leading up to the Games. The Final Leg will end at the WM-Stadium Planai in Schladming as part of the Opening Ceremony of the Games.

A supervisor in the Patrol Division, James has been involved with LETR for 33 years, including the past 12 years with the Kansas LETR. In 1984, while he was serving in the Army he volunteered to assist with the Washington State Games, and seeing the effort and joy of the athletes there is what has kept him involved throughout the years. James and his wife, Sabine, have been married for almost 25 years. Together, they have a daughter, Taylor. All three volunteer with Special Olympics Kansas!

James has served on numerous Kansas LETR committees, has been a member of the Executive Council and has participated in almost every LETR event! He is the force behind the Annual Merriam Police Department Popcorn Standoff, which, together with Merriam Cinemark, has raised over \$40,000 for Special Olympics Kansas. This year's event will be held on March 18th.

Chosen to represent the Kansas LETR by his peers based on his involvement and dedication to both LETR and SOKS he says: "I am very excited to represent Kansas Law Enforcement, meet all of my team and most importantly..., meet our Austrian Special Olympics athlete, Albert, and his family." Albert Masser is one of 10 Special Olympics athletes from around the world who will be joining Browning and the other officers on the Final Leg.

Welcome to #FinalLeg2017, James!

For more information about Browning and the other officers and athletes running the Final Leg, visit www.lettr-finalleg.org.
For more information about the 2017 World Winter Games, visit www.austria2017.org.

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