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Police Officers Elected to Law Enforcement Torch Run Executive Council Pittsburg officer Chris Moore named State Director

MISSION, KS – The Kansas Law Enforcement Torch Run has elected new members to its executive council with Pittsburg Police Officer Chris Moore taking over as the new state director.

“During my term as state director I hope to raise the number of officers and agencies that participate in LETR and to have our fundraising numbers grow,” Moore said. “I would love to have a waiting list for officers wanting to be a part of the LETR executive council.”

Several other law enforcement personnel and a Special Olympics Kansas athlete were also chosen for leadership roles. Those elected include Danielle Lemon of the Salina Police Department, Erin Wannow of the Sedgwick County Sheriff Office, Andrew Soule of the Reno County Sheriff Office, Jordan Couturier of the Leawood Police Department and Dave Nienstedt of the Wichita Police Department. David Hunter was selected for the role of athlete ambassador.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) is a world-wide grassroots movement that raises awareness and millions of dollars for Special Olympics athletes. It started in Kansas, in 1979, when the then Wichita Police Chief Richard LaMunyon observed that Special Olympics transcended all boundaries—race, economic, and social status and mirrored the daily interactions of law enforcement. Each year in all 50 states officers participate in LETR events and carry the Olympic torch to summer games opening ceremonies.

“LETR is a great organization because it allows police officers to be out in the community in a different role,” Moore said. “We are the guardians of the flame and the athletes know we will do anything for them any time.”

Law Enforcement Officers throughout Kansas host and participate in many different types of fundraisers throughout the year to benefit the Special Olympics Kansas. Some of those events include the Torch Run, Heroes Pull, Popcorn Standoffs and Tip a Cop events. To find out more visit kssso.org and click on the Torch Run tab.

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