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The mission of the Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics Wisconsin is to raise funds for and awareness of the Special Olympics movement. Special Olympics is a program which reaffirms our beliefs that with hope and dedication, we can see achievement and self-worth realized by any individual. It is our belief that persons with cognitive disabilities, by their involvement in Special Olympics, show the community at large there are no limits to human potential or the human spirit.

THE HISTORY OF THE TORCH RUN

The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics began in 1981 when Wichita, Kansas Police Chief Richard LaMunyon saw an urgent need to raise funds for and increase awareness of Special Olympics. Wisconsin's Torch Run kicked off in 1986 and is the largest grass-roots fundraising vehicle for Special Olympics, held in all 50 United States, 10 Canadian provinces and territories, and 35 nations, involving more than 85,000 law enforcement participants from all over the world.

The Torch Run invites participants from civic groups such as law enforcement, corrections, fire departments and military groups along with their families to take part. The Final Leg originates from more than 30 different kick-off points in early June each year to converge in Stevens Point for the annual State Summer Games.

Wisconsin Law Enforcement Torch Run year-round events include: the Final Leg which kicks-off the State Summer Games in June, 12 statewide Polar Plunge® events, rooftop challenges, truck pulls, motorcycle rides, raffles, and The World's Largest Truck Convoy® for Special Olympics.

WISCONSIN'S TOP NOTCH TORCH RUN

In 2009, the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Torch Run received the Diamond Level of Excellence for raising more than \$1 million. Wisconsin's Law Enforcement Torch Run is the fifth highest grossing program in the world.

In 2009, the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Wisconsin raised more than \$1.8 million with more than 1,000 registered participants representing 170 law enforcement agencies.

Being involved in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Wisconsin enables nearly 10,000 athletes the opportunity to gain confidence and a positive self-image which carries over into the home, the classroom, the job and the community through successful experiences in sports.

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