

Chill for Charity

Local police take dip to aid Special Olympics

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Teams of police from Laconia to Nashua joined in the 8th annual “Winni Dip” Saturday, March 19, jumping into frigid Lake Winnepesaukee to raise money and awareness for Special Olympics of New Hampshire.

Nashua police detective Jaclyn McIver has taken part all eight Winni Dips and served as captain of the Nashua Police Department’s 25-member team.

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“We had the largest team we ever had, and I think the largest team in Winni Dip history,” McIver said. She said the Nashua team felt a lot of support from the community this year. The Nashua team led the 13 participat-

tions.

“The teams raised more than \$83,000 total, the highest ever,” McIver said. Referring to the windy day and freezing waters of the lake, she said, “I feel like we earned our donations.”

The Merrimack Police Department team “Live, Freeze or Die” raised nearly \$10,000, blowing away their \$3,000 goal, and the Hudson Police Department raised \$9,500 as of the following Monday afternoon.

“It was awesome. It’s always a great time, but the water was a little colder this year I believe,” said Hudson police detective Alan Marcotte.

The water was about 36 degrees at the event.

“Each year we truly do enjoy doing this and being up there and participating in the Winni Dip, and also trying to encourage other police departments to join,” Marcotte said.

Aside from participating in the dip, the Hudson team attended the Special Olympic winter games from Feb. 28-March 1 at Waterville Valley.

“Our first dip was in 2014, so this was our third dip, but the Hudson Police Department has been involved with the Special Olympics of New Hampshire for

25 years,” he said.

Marcotte thanked Team Hudson for participating. The team was decked out in 1980s classic costumes in accordance with the Winni Dip theme, and included Sgt. Mike Niven, detective Kevin Riley, and officers Roger Lamarche, Jason Downey, Derek Lloyd, Adam Lischinsky, Brian Morgan, and detective Allison Cummings Marcotte.

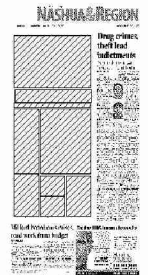
McIver said after participating in the Winni Dip the past eight years, she has seen the event grow year after year.

“It has definitely grown. Overall, there is a lot more support, the teams have gotten bigger. It’s just a really fun event. People bring their families and their kids,” she said. “I hope it just continues to grow.”

Donations can still be made to the Winni Dip teams to benefit Special Olympics of New Hampshire through April 30 at www.firstgiving.com/sonh/8th-annual-winni-dip.

For more information about Special Olympics New Hampshire, or to make a donation, visit www.sonh.org.

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Courtesy photos

Team Hudson moments before entering Lake Winnepesaukee for the Winni Dip on Saturday, March 19.



ABOVE: Team Hudson joins up with Team Nashua at the Special Olympics Winter Games.

BELOW: Team Hudson exiting the 36-degree water of Lake Winnepesaukee on March 19.

