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## ***Law Enforcement Torch Run® to Carry Special Olympics Flame of Hope to 2018 Special Olympics New Hampshire State Summer Games Opening Ceremonies***

Berlin – The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics New Hampshire (LETR) is coming to Berlin & Gorham in Coos County! The Law Enforcement Torch Run is a series of runs totaling more than 500 miles that carry the Flame of Hope to the Special Olympics New Hampshire State Summer Games.



Each participating local law enforcement agency will run the Flame of Hope through their hometown and then pass it to the next agency. The Flame's journey will end at the University of New Hampshire in Durham on June 1<sup>st</sup> where it will ignite the caldron during the Opening Ceremonies of the Special Olympics New Hampshire State Summer Games, where 800 athletes from across New Hampshire will go for the gold in athletics, bocce, equestrian, powerlifting, sprint triathlon and swimming.

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 law enforcement officers will be carrying the Flame of Hope for Special Olympics New Hampshire from Milan to Gorham. Spectators are encourage to come out and cheer on their local law enforcement at Gorham Common about 11:15.

“The Law Enforcement Torch Run is more than just an event. It is a time for law enforcement to celebrate and honor our heroes - the athletes of Special Olympics New Hampshire,” said Law Enforcement Torch Run Leg Leader Mia Lyons. “If by carrying the ‘Flame of Hope’ across the state, we can show the athletes half the admiration and respect they show us, then we have accomplished our goal.”

Mary Conroy, president of SONH, said “the Torch Run is the culmination of many hours that members of Law Enforcement volunteer each year. It is symbolic of the commitment and dedication that New Hampshire Law Enforcement has for our athletes, and something we look forward to year and every year.”

### ***About the Law Enforcement Torch Run***

*Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics (LETR) is a volunteer movement that was established by members of the law enforcement community to support Special Olympics. The mission of LETR is to increase awareness and raise funds for the Special Olympics movement.*

### ***About Special Olympics New Hampshire***

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