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## **SPECIAL OLYMPIC TORCH RUN IN OCEANSIDE**

Oceanside California..... Wednesday June 03, 2009 at approximately 8:30am, runners from the Oceanside Police and Fire Department will join Special Olympians as they carry the torch through the City of Oceanside. Public Safety personnel will take the torch from other allied agencies at the cities southern city limits near the lagoon on Coast Highway.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run, benefiting Special Olympics Southern California, San Diego County spans hundreds of miles and will pass through many San Diego cities on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Torch Run is an annual event in which law enforcement officers run the Special Olympics torch to an upcoming championship event. This summer more than 4,000 officers will carry the Flame of Hope to Special Olympics Southern California's annual Summer Games Opening Ceremony on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run will begin its journey on June 2, 2009 at about 9:30 a.m. at Chula Vista PD and travel through San Diego County. Other Torch Runs will begin around the same time and all legs will convene on June 13<sup>th</sup> in Long Beach. A single torch will be carried into the Opening Ceremony, signifying the start of the 2009 Special Olympics Southern California Summer Games.

In San Diego, more than 150 runners will run the torch from Chula Vista to Orange County where the torch will be passed on to Orange County officers. The Law Enforcement Torch Run is an international effort to help raise awareness and funds for Special Olympics. The Law Enforcement Torch Run has been the largest grass roots fundraising program and public awareness vehicle for Special Olympics. Each officer participating in the Torch Run contributes to the local Special Olympics program.

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