



# Law Enforcement Torch Run



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May 16, 2012

Re: New Mexico Law Enforcement Torch Run

Dear Randy:

As the founder of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics I wish to congratulate you and all of the New Mexico Law Enforcement officers for their contribution and efforts in making the Torch Run a reality.

What started in Wichita some 31 years ago as a flicker of hope for Special Olympics, has now become a roaring flame of stability for Special Olympics athletes worldwide. Law Enforcement carries the torch in every State and in 42 other countries. It began with the raising of \$300 in Wichita and developed into a worldwide movement raising \$42.6 million last year. It is because the New Mexico law enforcement officers, and others, chose to join hands with fellow law enforcement brothers and sister worldwide that this happened. It is our project for our athletes!

The Law Enforcement Torch Run has become a worldwide bridge of "good". A bridge built from kindness, love, grace, compassion and respect. A bridge that brings unity, communications and understanding to all who are touched by it. It is a bridge that can span any bias, any prejudice or any advisory in our world. My thanks to each of you for being a part of it.

Congratulations to New Mexico Law Enforcement and "LET THE GAMES BEGIN!"

Sincerely,

Chief Richard LaMunyon  
Wichita Police Department (Ret.)