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## News Release

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### ***Torch Run Kicks Off Annual Statewide Relay Run for Special Olympics***

In the spirit of the Olympics, and with the purpose of raising funds and awareness for people with intellectual disabilities, the New Mexico Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) for Special Olympics has kicked off its 2015 *State Relay* run.

From May 12 – 29, over 70 law enforcement agencies—making up hundreds of LETR officers, friends and family members— will carry the Special Olympics *Flame of Hope* torch covering 1,600 miles across New Mexico culminating at the Special Olympics New Mexico Summer Games in Albuquerque on May 29<sup>th</sup>. The State Relay currently has several starting points which are changeable as the Torch Run grows. At the completion of each route, a celebration will take place within an agency's respective community where officers and citizens rally in honor and support of Special Olympics New Mexico athletes competing in the 2015 State Summer Games. Participating LETR agencies (listed by State Relay Leg and dates) include:

#### **SOUTH LEG**

- **April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> & May 1<sup>st</sup>:** Otero County Sheriff's Office, Alamogordo Police Department, Mescalero Tribal Police, Tularosa Police Department, Southern Corrections Facility, New Mexico Army National Guard – Alamogordo, and Holloman Air Force Base.
- **May 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>:** Las Cruces Police Department, Dona Ana County Sheriff's Department, Bayard Police Department, Sunland Park Police Department, Lordsburg Police Department, Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office, Deming Police Department, Luna County Detention Center, Deming Border Patrol, U.S. Probation – Las Cruces, New Mexico State Probation – Las Cruces, Southern New Mexico Corrections – Las Cruces, White Sands Police Department, New Mexico State Police – Las Cruces, New Mexico State University Police Department, U.S. Border Patrol – Las Cruces, Otero County Prison Facility, and Luna County Detention Center.
- **May 20<sup>th</sup>:** Roswell Police Department, Artesia Police Department, Carlsbad Police Department, Hobbs Police Department, Lea County Sheriff's Department, Eddy County Sheriff's Department, Pecos Valley Task Force, Chavez County Sheriff's Office, New Mexico Border Patrol – Carlsbad, U.S. Air Marshall, and Tatum Police Department.
- **May 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>:** Albuquerque Police Department, Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office, Valencia County Sheriff's Office, New Mexico Air National Guard, New Mexico Army National Guard, Los Lunas Police Department, Belen Police Department, Torrance County Sheriff's Office, New Mexico Attorney General's Office, Isleta Police Department, U.S. Probation, Central New Mexico Correctional Department, New Mexico Juvenile Probation, New Mexico Probation and Parole, and University of New Mexico Police Department.

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#### **WEST LEG**

- **May 12<sup>th</sup>**: Farmington Police Department, New Mexico State Police – Farmington, San Juan County Sheriff’s Department, NM Army National Guard – Farmington, San Juan College Public Safety, District Attorney’s Office – San Juan County, Shiprock Police Department, San Juan County Detention Center, and Bloomfield Police Department
- **May 18<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>**: Laguna Police Department, Pueblo of Acoma Police Department, Gallup Police Department, Office of the District Attorney – Gallup, Navajo Police Department – Crownpoint District, Navajo Police Department – Ramah, McKinley County Sheriff’s Department, Laguna Detention Center, Laguna Courts, and U.S. Probation – Gallup

#### **NORTH LEG**

- **May 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>**: Union County Sheriff’s Office and Las Vegas Police Department
- **May 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>**: Santa Clara Tribal Police, Rio Arriba Sheriff’s Office, New Mexico State Police – Santa Fe, Espanola Department of Public Safety, Taos Police Department, Bureau of Indian Affairs – Northern Pueblo, Pojoaque Tribal Police, Santa Fe Police Department, and Santa Fe County Sheriff’s Office
- **May 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>**: Santa Ana Police Department, Sandoval County Prison Facility, Sandoval County Security, Santa Ana Casino Security, Rio Rancho Police Department, IGUA-69 (Los Alamos), Los Alamos Police Department, Sandia Police Department, Bernalillo Police Department, and Sandoval County Sheriff’s Office

#### **EAST LEG FOUR**

- **May 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>**: CCA-Torrance County Detention Center, Santa Rosa Police Department, Moriarty Police Department, Guadalupe County Sheriff’s Office, New Mexico Rangers, and Edgewood Police Department

The New Mexico Law Enforcement Torch Run is a community-building organization that promotes and empowers New Mexico law enforcement agencies to raise awareness and funds year-round for Special Olympics New Mexico –while providing opportunities, encouragement, and hope to SONM athletes and families in the process. In New Mexico, LETR is proudly presented by Wells Fargo. Additional community partners include: 7-Eleven, Weck’s, VFW Post 7686 (Alamogordo), Fraternal Order of Eagles #4101 (Alamogordo), CARQUEST Auto Parts (statewide), FastBucks (Alamogordo), Pic-Quik (Las Cruces), New Mexico Air National Guard, New Mexico Army National Guard, CCA – Torrance County Detention Center, and Loyal Order of Moose 2081.

For more information about the New Mexico Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics visit [www.sonm.org](http://www.sonm.org) or call 505.856.0342.