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Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Illinois Special Olympics

Village of Richton Park

RICHTON PARK, IL. June 1, 2016 – The annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Illinois Special Olympics will be Wednesday, June 8th at approximately 8:00am. As always, officers from the Richton Park Police Department will be participating in this event from St. Lawrence Ave. in Matteson, all the way to Blackhawk Ave. in Park Forest.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is the single largest year-round fundraising event benefiting Special Olympics Illinois. The annual intrastate relay and its various fundraising projects have two goals: to raise money and to gain awareness for the athletes who participate in Special Olympics Illinois. The Law Enforcement Torch Run® has raised more than \$39 million over 30 years while increasing awareness of Special Olympics Illinois athletes and their accomplishments.

Approximately 3,000 officers representing every branch of law enforcement across the state from local police officers to FBI agents will carry the Flame of Hope nearly 1,500 miles, running through thousands of Illinois communities via 23 different legs (routes) to its final destination – the Opening Ceremony of the Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games in June in Normal.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run has selected “Guarding the Flame Since 1986” as the theme for 2016 and will be using #ILTorchRun30 on social media to inspire officers and departments to spread the word about the 30th anniversary and how the Torch Run transforms the lives of Special Olympics athletes in Illinois.

Come out and support, cheer or, or run with our Richton Park Police Department in this stellar event the morning of Wednesday, June 8th. If you are interested in further information regarding this program, please contact Police Deputy Chief Gerlach at rgerlach@richtonpark.org or at www.soill.org .

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