

What is the Law Enforcement Torch Run?

For those of you who have never been involved, you don't know what you're missing! The LETR is a global movement and was founded in 1981. The Torch Run is held in all 50 United States, 12 Canadian provinces and territories, and 35 nations, and involves more than 85,000 law enforcement participants from all over the world. In 2011, this international program raised more than \$42 million to support Special Olympics.

In 1986, compassion, joy and hope ignited a movement among law enforcement to spread awareness of individuals with intellectual disabilities. That eternal flame burns with even more vigor today as Special Olympics Wisconsin celebrates the 26th anniversary of the Law Enforcement Torch Run. In 2011, the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Torch Run® received the Diamond Level of Excellence for raising more than \$1 million. Wisconsin's Law Enforcement Torch Run® is the sixth highest grossing program in the world, raising nearly \$2.4 million in 2011 with more than 1,100 registered participants representing 150 law enforcement agencies.

The event will be on **Thursday, June 7, 2012**, and will kick off in Appleton at 8 am. There are a number of ways to get involved including running, biking, or driving a support vehicle. For those of you who are not familiar with this event, it is a blast and can be quite a challenge if you decide to make it one! The Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) is in its 26th year and is the kick off to the Special Olympic Summer Games in Stevens Point, WI. Officers from all over the state get together to raise awareness and funds for the athletes competing in the games by running/biking their "final Leg" and raising donations (No minimum donation required).

If you would like to donate to the LETR, please click here.