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Law Enforcement Torch Run Thirty Years of Hoisting the Torch for Illinois Special Olympics.

Niles, IL - Members of the Niles Police Department will be participating in the “30th Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics” scheduled for Sunday June 6, 2016. In 2015 the participants of the Torch run raised more than \$3.1 million dollars. Currently more than 3,000 officers, friends and family members from every branch of law enforcement 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 Ceremonies of the Special Olympic Illinois Summer Games in Bloomington, Normal.

Members of the Niles Police Department will be running in leg 8, which starts at approximately 10:00 a.m. at the corner of Milwaukee and Greenwood Avenues. Niles Participants will be running southbound Milwaukee Avenue from Greenwood Avenue to Dempster Street. They will continue eastbound on Dempster Street to Waukegan Road, approximately 2.76 miles, where they will pass the “Flame of Hope” torch to members of the Morton Grove Police Department.

The pace will be slow with the Illinois State Police providing an escort for the runners. Each runner will receive a free T-shirt for his or her participation in the run. Each runner is asked to raise at least \$100.00 for the event.

A limited number of T-shirts and hats are available for a small charitable contribution of \$15.00 each at the Niles Police Department. If anyone would like to purchase a hat or t-shirt please contact Sgt. Eric Lambrechts at 847-588-6566.