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HPD Participates in Torch Run to Support Area Special Olympians

Harrisonburg, VA – The Virginia Law Enforcement Torch Run benefiting Special Olympics Virginia will pass through the local area on Wednesday June 7 and Thursday June 8, as runners make their way to Richmond for the Special Olympic Summer Games.

Officers with the Harrisonburg Police Department, deputies from the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office and other running enthusiasts will support local athletes by running with the "Flame of Hope".

A commencement ceremony will be held at SunTrust Bank located at 180 E. Market St. on Thursday June 8 at 7:30 a.m. Law enforcement will be joined this year by Special Olympic athletes and the twenty mile run will travel down Route 11(South Main Street) making a stop at Enterprise Rent a Car, 3115 S Main St. The torch will be passed on to the Staunton Police Department in Verona to continue its journey.

Beginning June 2, at seven points across the Commonwealth, officers will carry the Special Olympics Flame of Hope more than 1,900 miles across Virginia. On June 9, Metro Richmond officers will run the last leg from the Capitol to the University of Richmond; Robins Center, where they'll join more than 1,300 athletes and officially open the Summer Games.

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In addition to lighting the flame, we'll also celebrate the fundraising efforts of the more than 2,000 officers involved in the Virginia Law Enforcement Torch Run, sponsored by SunTrust and Enterprise and supported by the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police, the Virginia Sheriff's Association, the Virginia Department of Corrections, the Virginia Association of Regional Jails and the Virginia Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators.

Everyone is invited to cheer on the officers as they make their way through the city. Members of the media are invited to join the officers at SunTrust Bank at 7:30am on June 8.

More information on Special Olympics Virginia can be found by visiting www.specialolympicsva.org.

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