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SUFFOLK POLICE TO HELP WITH VIRGINIA LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

SUFFOLK, VA (June 8, 2015) The Suffolk Police Department will do their part to help Special Olympics Virginia by running the torch from the Chesapeake City Line to the Isle of Wight County Line on Route 17. Suffolk Police will be part of the Virginia Law Enforcement Torch Run which will pass through the City of Suffolk on Thursday, June 11th as runners along the journey make their way to Richmond for the Special Olympics Virginia's Summer Games, June 12th thru June 13th.

The Suffolk run will begin at the Suffolk/Chesapeake line on Route 17/Bridge Road at approximately 11:10 a.m. and runners will run on Bridge Road to the Suffolk/Isle of Wight line on Route 17.

At seven points across the Commonwealth, officers will carry the Special Olympics Flame of Hope more than 1,900 miles across Virginia. On June 12th, 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 Summer Games athletes and officially open Summer Games.

In addition to lighting the Flame, the run will celebrate the fundraising efforts of 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.

For more information about the Hampton Roads (Region 3) Torch Run route, please visit www.torchrunva.com. In addition, the public is invited to cheer on the officers as they make their way through Suffolk on Bridge Road. For more information, please contact Special Olympics Virginia Director of Development Meghan Massie at 757-962-1575 or mmassie@specialolympicsva.org or Captain Rob Ross with Suffolk Police Department at 757-514-7888. For more information on Special Olympics Virginia, visit www.specialolympicsva.org.

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