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LIGHTING THE WAY THROUGH SUFFOLK - VIRGINIA LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN PASSES THROUGH CITY JUNE 9TH

SUFFOLK, VA (June 6, 2016) The Virginia Law Enforcement Torch Run benefiting Special Olympics Virginia will pass through the City of Suffolk Thursday, June 9th as runners make their way to Richmond to Special Olympics Virginia's Summer Games, June 10 through 11th. The Suffolk run will commence at the Suffolk/Chesapeake line on Route 17 (Bridge Road) at approximately 11:10 a.m. 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 11th, 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 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 will be celebrated.

For more information about the Hampton Roads (Region 3) Torch Run route, visit www.torchrunva.com. In addition, everyone is invited to cheer on the officers as they make their way through Suffolk on Bridge Road. For more information, contact Special Olympics Virginia Director of Development Meghan Massie at 757-962-1575 or mmassie@specialolympicsva.org or MPO Hutta/SPO Cain with the Suffolk Police Department at 757-923-2350.

For more information on Special Olympics Virginia, visit www.specialolympicsva.org.

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