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VIRGINIA LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN PASSES THROUGH SUFFOLK

SUFFOLK, VA (June 7, 2018) The Law Enforcement Torch Run® passed through the City of Suffolk this morning, Thursday, June 7th, as runners make their way to Richmond to the Special Olympics Virginia 2018 Summer Games being held on June 8th and 9th.

Members of the Suffolk Police Department and the Suffolk Sheriff's Office participated as the torch was handed off by the Portsmouth Police Department, and Suffolk's runners completed an 8-mile trek along Route 17 before the torch was handed off in Isle of Wight County for the next leg of the torch's journey.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics Virginia unites Officers from law enforcement agencies and corrections departments across the state in an effort to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics Virginia. Each summer, law enforcement officials carry the *Flame of Hope* across the state culminating with the Torch Run Final Leg, and the lighting of the cauldron to officially open the Special Olympics Virginia Summer Games in Richmond. The 1,900-mile, 7-day Torch Run involves more than 2,000 law enforcement officers and personnel representing more than 200 law enforcement agencies across Virginia.

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