

# From the Desk of Detective Dave

*About the Torch Run*

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During the months of May and June, law enforcement throughout Colorado participate in the Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics. The Greeley/Weld Multi-Agency group is made up of 13 law enforcement agencies in Weld County that participate in a 26-mile run from Frederick to the Island Grove Regional Park in Greeley.

In its sixth consecutive year, the Frederick Police Department will kick off the Greeley/Weld Multi-Agency Torch Run at 4:00 AM on May 30th. Our leg begins at 333 5th St. (the Frederick Police Department) and runs north on Colorado Blvd. to Highway 60 in Johnstown before passing the torch to Johnstown PD members.

The Torch Run program began in 1981, when Wichita, Kansas Chief of Police Richard La Munyon saw an urgent need to raise funds and increase awareness for Special Olympics. The idea of the Law Enforcement Torch Run program was to provide local law enforcement officers with opportunities to volunteer with Special Olympics in communities where the officers lived and worked. In 1984, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) endorsed Special Olympics as an official charity through the Torch Run Program. With the IACP's enthusiastic support and leadership, the Torch Run soon involved all facets of the law enforcement community. Today all 50 states and more than 35 countries have Torch Run programs.

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