



# Law Enforcement Torch Run®

## ABOUT THE EVENT

The Law Enforcement Torch Run® (LETR) is the largest public awareness vehicle and grass-roots fundraiser for Special Olympics Southern California (SOSC). In 2015, more than 3,500 Southern California officers and 200 law enforcement agencies raised \$1.7 million.

LETR has programs in all 50 United States, Canadian provinces/territories, and 46 countries with more than 85,000 officers from around the world participating. Since its inception in 1981, the movement has raised more than half a billion dollars for Special Olympics athletes.

## FINAL LEG

Every year, law enforcement officers all over Southern California commit themselves to the Law Enforcement Torch Run Final Leg, raising both money and awareness for Special Olympics. Over 3,500 officers in Southern California assist in carrying the Flame of Hope™ across 500 miles. The Final Leg takes place over a couple weeks and travels through nearly 150 communities. The run ends at SOSC's Summer Games and symbolizes the start of the Games.



## FUNDRAISERS

LETR has evolved from a symbolic awareness run to a very significant fundraising effort conducted by the law enforcement community. LETR rallies to support SOSC through a series of local events so more Special Olympics athletes can receive life changing sports training and competitions.

- **POLAR PLUNGE®**— This is an opportunity for individuals, organizations, and businesses to support people with intellectual disabilities in Southern California by jumping into the Pacific Ocean or area lakes. For more information, visit [www.sosc.org/polarplunges](http://www.sosc.org/polarplunges).
- **MARATHONS**— Join one of the hundreds of marathoners running to support SOSC athletes. For more information, visit [www.sosc.org/races](http://www.sosc.org/races).
- **TIP-A-COP®**— Enjoy a delicious meal at a local restaurant while supporting SOSC. Police officers serve as celebrity waiters at this fundraiser, and they donate all the tips they receive to SOSC athletes. For information on participating restaurants, visit [www.sosc.org/tipacop](http://www.sosc.org/tipacop).
- **PLANE PULL®**— Test your strength, stamina, and endurance and be a part of a team that attempts to pull a plane 12 feet at the Long Beach Airport. For more information, visit [www.sosc.org/planepull](http://www.sosc.org/planepull).
- **OVER THE EDGE**— Face your fears with this thrilling opportunity to rappel down a 17-story building while supporting Special Olympics Southern California. For more information, visit [www.sosc.org/overtheedge](http://www.sosc.org/overtheedge).
- Other events include chili cook-offs, car shows, Bunco tournaments and more.

## ABOUT SPECIAL OLYMPICS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Founded in 1969 by Olympic decathlon gold medalist Rafer Johnson, Special Olympics Southern California offers opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities to participate in year-round sports training and competition. More than 26,006 athletes and growing and 15,000 coaches and volunteers take part in 12 Olympic-style sports. Special Olympics Southern California has earned Charity Navigator's highest ranking, 4 stars, for exceeding industry standards. For more information, visit [www.sosc.org](http://www.sosc.org).