



News Release
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Traffic Alert

The **Virginia Law Enforcement Torch Run** to raise money for Special Olympics will be passing through Ashland today between 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm. The runners, support and police vehicles from local law enforcement agencies will be traveling from the north end to the south end of Route 1 in Ashland. This may cause minor traffic delays as the runners and vehicles pass through your area. We appreciate your patience and support in advance and encourage you to allow yourself extra time if you are passing through this area.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Ashland Police Department at (804) 412-0600.

About the Virginia Law Enforcement Torch Run

Now in its 24th year, the Virginia Law Enforcement Torch Run has raised more than \$11.5 million for Special Olympics Virginia. Since this time last year, officers across the state have raised almost \$750,000 for the Special Olympics Virginia program.

Throughout the year, the organizations involved in the Torch Run, which include the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police, the Virginia Sheriff's Association, the Virginia Department of Corrections and the Virginia Association of Regional Jails, host activities and events to benefit Special Olympics Virginia. The Torch Run itself began with the lighting of the flame May 21st in Charlottesville.

For the more than 3,000 officers involved in the Law Enforcement Torch Run, it's about more than carrying the torch for Special Olympics Virginia. It's a way to pay homage to their heroes – the Special Olympics Virginia athletes and their families who work each day to open people's hearts and minds to the value of people with intellectual disabilities.