



Law enforcement members ready to run in support of Special Olympics BC

Law enforcement members and Special Olympics BC athletes will take to the streets with a message of respect and inclusion during the 2019 Lower Mainland Law Enforcement Torch Run. Taking place June 4 to 7, the event raises funds and awareness for Special Olympics BC's life-changing year-round programs for people with intellectual disabilities.

During this four-day run, participants will proudly carry the Flame of Hope through 16 Lower Mainland communities. More than 400 law enforcement members and 50 SOBC athletes are expected to participate, including a core team that will run in every leg of the event.

"It is inspiring to see law enforcement members team up with Special Olympics BC athletes to raise funds and awareness in their communities," SOBC President & CEO Dan Howe says. "We are very grateful to all the dedicated law enforcement members who do so much to promote inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities and provide Special Olympics BC athletes with empowering opportunities."

Participating agencies include the Abbotsford, Delta, New Westminster, Port Moody, Vancouver, and West Vancouver police departments, RCMP detachments throughout the Lower Mainland, B.C. Conservation Officer Service, Canada Border Services Agency, Justice Institute of British Columbia, and Metro Vancouver Transit Police.

June 4: Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Langley, Surrey, White Rock

June 5: Burnaby, Vancouver, North Vancouver/West Vancouver

June 6: Maple Ridge, Port Moody/Coquitlam

June 7: New Westminster, Richmond, Delta/Ladner

Full schedule by community: <https://specialolympics.ca/british-columbia/story/2019-lower-mainland-law-enforcement-torch-run-routes>

Photos will be posted during the Lower Mainland Torch Run at www.flickr.com/photos/specialolympicsbc/albums

Photos from last year's event:

www.flickr.com/photos/specialolympicsbc/albums/72157667787189877

2018 Lower Mainland Torch Run athlete reporter video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xTWR2TH-FYE>

Twitter: @sobcsociety, @BCLETR, #TorchRun

Facebook and Instagram: @specialolympicsbc

www.specialolympics.bc.ca



About the Law Enforcement Torch Run

For more than 35 years, law enforcement members throughout the world have supported people with intellectual disabilities through the Law Enforcement Torch Run. The LETR movement has raised more than \$4 million in British Columbia since 1990. To date, the LETR has raised more than \$700 million for Special Olympics programs around the world. To learn more about the LETR, visit www.specialolympics.bc.ca/letr. Find BC LETR on Twitter @BCLETR.

About Special Olympics BC

Special Olympics BC is dedicated to enriching the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities through the power and joy of sport. In 55 communities around the province, we provide year-round training and competitive opportunities in 18 different sports to more than 4,800 athletes of all ages and abilities, thanks to the dedicated efforts of over 3,900 volunteers. For more information, please visit www.specialolympics.bc.ca, and find us on Facebook and Instagram @specialolympicsbc and Twitter @sobcsociety.

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