

The Co-operators Honored as Long-Term Sponsor

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The Law Enforcement Torch Run has recognized The Co-operators as one of its longest continuous sponsors. The Award of Honour was presented recently to Rick McCombie, vice-president of The Co-operators Southwestern Ontario Region at the Annual Torch Run Conference in Toronto.

"We are delighted to receive this award for our support of the Torch Run," said Mr. McCombie in accepting the award on behalf of The Co-operators. "The Co-operators has had a tradition of supporting athletes and sports organizations in this country and we're especially proud to be involved in such a worthwhile event that ensures quality sports programs and competitions for people who are developmentally challenged."

The annual Law Enforcement Torch Run, started in 1987 by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, raises funds to support Ontario Special Olympics and year-

round sports programs for children and adults. Since its inception the Torch Run has provided more than \$3 million to the Special Olympics. Last year more than 7,000 law enforcement personnel in Ontario raised \$750,000 through a series of event, including sponsored runs, pancake breakfasts, dances and auctions. The Co-operators has financially supported the project since 1987. There are more than 7,000 registered Special Olympics athletes in Ontario.

The Co-operators is a group of Canadian companies focusing on insurance and also providing financial security products, property development and management and investment counselling services. Co-operators General Insurance, the largest Canadian-owned property/casualty insurer, provides insurance protection to more than 750,000 clients across the country, including about 500,000 athletes and 90 national and provincial sports organizations.