

# Local RCMP participating in annual torch run . . .

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Cst. Serge Lalonde of the Wynyard will once again be participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics.

Every year, the torch is carried from the previous year's host centre to the current host centre. The purpose of the run is raise funds for the Saskatchewan Special Olympics. All law enforcement officers who participate do so on a voluntary basis.

This year, the torch run will be from Yorkton to Regina on Thursday, June 11 and Friday, June 12. Cst. Lalonde will be running on Thursday between

Yorkton and Fort Qu'Appelle.

The Torch Run began in the United States in 1981, and last year was held in 16 countries with 40,000 law enforcement officers raising over \$4,000,000 worldwide.

This year marks the fourth consecutive year Cst. Lalonde has participated in the run, which he says, "is a very worthwhile cause. If you could see the faces of the athletes, you would understand."

The ultimate goal of the Saskatchewan Special Olympics and the Law Enforcement Torch Run is to ensure that all mentally handicapped residents are provided the opportunity to share in the benefits of participation in sports and related physical activities.

In Wynyard, pledges can be dropped off at Marcel's Hair-Care, Wynyard Post Office, Wynyard Tempo, Co-op Gas Bar and Wynyard Esso. There are also t-shirts and pins for sale at the RCMP detachment and Marcel's HairCare.