



# Run With the Law



## Track Meet RWTL

## Torch Run

### Area-Organized RWTL Events

### Law Enforcement-Organized RWTL Events

**What it looks like:** An easy Run With the Law fundraiser can be implemented by conducting a run at the start of the opening ceremony for the annual area track competition. Law enforcement will help escort the torch around the track, and local athletes/volunteers will raise funds to run alongside them. The number of times around the track will be up to the discretion of the event organizers, but we suggest keeping the run brief.

**How to raise funds:** Participants will collect donations from friends, family and community members who want to sponsor their “Run With the Law.” Those interested in online fundraising should contact their respective Special Olympics region director. Each participant is expected to raise a minimum of \$25. Areas will have the option of ordering t-shirts for each participant. If that option is chosen, \$10 will be deducted from each fundraising total to cover the cost of the drift Torch Run t-shirt that they will receive. The rest of the money raised will go directly into the area/local account.

**How to organize:** Interested areas should contact their respective Special Olympics Virginia Region Director at least a month prior to their area/local track competition. (We suggest contacting them sooner than that so that there is more time to raise funds and coordinate with law enforcement.) All interested participants must provide registration and t-shirt size information (if t-shirt option is chosen). Once registered, volunteers and athletes may begin raising funds. (If an area wishes to use online fundraising, they must first contact their region director, and then go online to register once the registration has been set up.) At the conclusion of the event, organizers should inform their Special Olympics region director of how much was raised.

**What it looks like:** Each June, Virginia law enforcement carries the Flame of Hope nearly 2,000 miles on its path to Richmond for the Special Olympics Virginia Summer Games. Legs of the Torch Run take place in communities all over the commonwealth. Law enforcement runners are encouraged to raise funds for their leg of the Torch Run. If there is a leg of the Torch Run in your community, check with Ellen Head at [ehhead@specialolympicsva.org](mailto:ehhead@specialolympicsva.org) to see if there is an opportunity for local volunteers or athletes to Run With the Law.

**How to raise funds:** All participants in the Torch Run need to register online to participate, but not before completing the following steps.

1. Go to [http://torchrunva.com/View/Page/Torch\\_Run\\_Routes](http://torchrunva.com/View/Page/Torch_Run_Routes) to make sure there is a leg taking place in your community.
2. Contact Ellen Head at [ehhead@specialolympicsva.org](mailto:ehhead@specialolympicsva.org) to let Special Olympics Virginia know of your interest. He will check to make sure that law enforcement is allowing civilian runners to participate in the leg of the run that is in question.
3. Once the request is approved by then you may begin raising funds at <http://www.firstgiving.com/torchrunva>. Each participant is expected to raise a minimum of \$25 to “Run With the Law.” The first \$10 raised will be deducted to cover the cost of the Law Enforcement Torch Run shirt which they will receive prior to the event. After that, all funds raised go directly into the area budget.

**How to organize:** Simply sign the waiver online and show up to run. Participants must contact Ellen Head at [ehhead@specialolympicsva.org](mailto:ehhead@specialolympicsva.org) and register online NO LATER THAN MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>.