

37th Annual Statewide Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics

The *37th ANNUAL STATEWIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS*, which involves over **600** law enforcement officers and includes multiple legs spanning the state, will be held between **Wednesday, June 7th** and **Friday, June 9th, 2023**.

This year's Torch Run will be a three-day event. On **Wednesday, June 7th, upstate**, at 9:00 a.m., it will begin at the New Castle County Police Department and travel to the Wilmington Police Department, where there will be a ceremony at 9:30 a.m. The torch will then travel to Delaware State Police Troop 6. **Downstate**, at approximately 3:30 p.m., it will begin at Fenwick Island and travel to the Rehoboth Beach bandstand for a 20-minute ceremony starting at 7:00 p.m. Immediately following the ceremony, the torch will depart for a one mile run to Grove Park.

On **Thursday, June 8th, downstate**, the torch will start in two locations. At 6:00 a.m., one leg of the Torch Run will depart from the Delmar Police Department. At 6:40 a.m., a second leg will start at The Circle in Georgetown, and the two legs will unite in Harrington and then run to the Dover ceremony, held on the Legislative Mall at 1:45 p.m. **Upstate**, the torch will depart from the Middletown Police Department at 10:30 a.m. and also arrive for the ceremony in Dover. All law enforcement, Special Olympics Delaware athletes, and legislators are invited to attend.

The event continues on **Friday, June 9th**, with the torch leaving the Newark Shopping Center at 4:00 p.m. The event culminates with the final leg into the University of Delaware Bob Carpenter Center for the official Opening Ceremony of the

2023 Summer Games at 4:15 p.m., where the **Flame of Hope** will be delivered.

In its history, Delaware Law Enforcement for Special Olympics has raised more than \$10 million to support Special Olympics Delaware's year-round program of quality sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. A family of enthusiastic volunteers makes this program possible for the thousands of athletes who compete in Special Olympics Delaware. The organization builds sports skills, confidence, strength, motivation, and self-esteem not just for the athletes, but for everyone involved.

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