



## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL NEWS

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VIRGINIA LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN



### Message from Council Director Ben Fravel

#### *Greetings Torch Runners*

Normally at the New Year I would talk about getting started again for the 2010 Torch Run Campaign, however this year we were already well on our way before the New Year hit. We had a great kick off meeting in Charlottesville, where the 2010 Torch Run Chair, Sheriff Farley of Rockingham County, gathered an enthusiastic group of departments ready to grow our great cause. The commitment of the officers at that meeting was fantastic.

We welcome three new members to your Executive Council, Randy Lefebvre of Chesapeake PD, Clayton Bennett of Chesapeake Sheriff's Office, and Darrell English of Stafford Sheriff's Department. We look forward to working with them in order to make this Virginia Torch Run's best decade. Also, we say goodbye to Council member Marie Kane of Chesapeake PD, who left at the end of her term. Please join me in thanking Marie for her many years of dedicated service to the Council. We wish her the best and look forward to seeing her at upcoming events.

This is Virginia Law Enforcement Torch Run's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and now is a good time to reflect on the millions of dollars we have raised, the thousands of volunteer hours given and the many miles we have run. But the best way to celebrate this milestone is to renew our pledge to raise more money, show more support for our athletes and run a few more miles. As part of this celebration we need to secure the future of our program by identifying and mentoring our young officers to become Torch Runners, so that they can experience first hand the importance of the Torch Run and the positive way it will affect their lives and careers.

We have a great way to start the year off! We just completed the mother of all plunges in Virginia Beach on February 6<sup>th</sup> and have a few more throughout February. It's not too late to come on down and join the party!

### RED ROBIN and LETR are Now Partners



It is with great pleasure that we announce a US National Partnership with **Red Robin** and the **Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics**. This nonexclusive partnership is a direct result of the Red Robin Tip-A-Cop events that have been occurring at the US Program level in several states for the last five years. In 2009, 12 states participated in Red Robin Tip-A-Cop events and in 2010 we hope to activate in all states where Red Robin has a presence (approximately 40 states). Please visit [Redrobin.com](http://Redrobin.com) to determine if your community has a Red Robin restaurant.

The Red Robin promotion will take place **April 5-16, 2010** where in-store icons will be sold, and on **Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** Tip-A-Cop events will be conducted nationwide so **please mark your calendars!**

Many of the details are still being finalized including the revenue sharing. Promotional details will be announced in the very near future. As more information is unveiled we will keep Programs updated. This is a fantastic opportunity for our Torch Run programs and we are honored to have Red Robin as a National Partner.

## EVENTS



\* If you want to announce your event, please e-mail the information to [janice.dow@vadoc.virginia.gov](mailto:janice.dow@vadoc.virginia.gov)

## MARCH 3, 2010

### Spread the Word to End the Word

**PLEDGE  
TO SHOW  
RESPECT  
TO EVERYONE**

You've seen it on the news. Everyone is talking about misusing the word "retard" as an insult. On March 3, we're inviting you to help us spread the word to end hurtful misuse of the "R" word. **Hear what Special Olympics Virginia athlete and Global Messenger, Frank Stephens, has to say about the issue during his recent [interview on CNN](#).**

#### *3 ways you can TAKE ACTION before March 3!*

- \* Sign the ["R" word pledge](#).
- \* Get to know someone like [Frank Stephens](#).
- \* Get involved -- start by [Volunteering to Cheer](#) at our Basketball Championships March 19-20

#### For Athletic Events in Your Area visit:

<http://www.specialolympicsva.org/View/Page/Calendar>

#### **BE A FAN**

**April 24 Bass Tournament, Leesylvania State Park, Potomac River in Woodbridge.** Join us for the second annual fishing tournament and family fun day hosted by the Prince William County Sheriff's Office. Participate in the tournament, sponsor the event or volunteer at the family festival taking place while the boats are out on the river. E-mail [Nancy Edwards](#) for details.



**May 13-21 Spring Carnival, Annandale** Bring the family and enjoy the midway! Rides, games, concessions and more -- open weekdays at 4pm and weekends at noon. Carnival is located in the K-Mart Shopping Center at John Marr Drive and Route 236. E-mail [Ron Manzo](#) for details.

**May 15 Hospital Bed Race, Annandale** Gather a team of five for this wacky race! Prizes for fastest team, most enthusiastic and best decorated bed. E-mail [Michelle Gates](#) for details.



**June 5 Motorcycle Poker Run, Leesburg.** This is the 14th annual event hosted by the Leesburg Police Department. Bikes depart from the Virginia National Guard Armory (near Leesburg Airport) from 8:30-10 am, with last bike in at 3 pm. Prizes, music and food at the conclusion of the ride. E-mail [Bill Wolfe](#) for details and registration information.

## VIRGINIA BEACH POLAR PLUNGE RAISES OVER \$861,000!!

February 6 proved fans will stop at nothing in support of the Polar Plunge and Special Olympics Virginia! It was snowing, the wind was blowing and the plungers were getting wet! 2,636 thrill-seekers took the icy dip this year in spite of the blustery weather, raising \$861,000 (and counting!) for Special Olympics! *You are our SUPERHEROES!*

For those unable to join us because of the weather, we know you were with us in spirit as we braved the Atlantic. We hope you will consider mailing in your donations to our Virginia Beach Office (184 Business Park Drive, Suite 202/Virginia Beach VA 23462); we will mail you your incentives. Please include your registration form and T-shirt size.

Again, this event wouldn't be in its 18th year without all of you, and we hope you'll all be on the beach in 2011!



## HARLEY RAFFLE 2010

The Hanover County Sheriff's Office will once again be coordinating the **Harley-Davidson motorcycle raffle** this year.

It's a **2010 Heritage Softail Classic** motorcycle.

Selling 2500 tickets @ \$20 a ticket.

The drawing will be on September 18, 2010, at 5pm, at the Richmond Harley-Davidson store located 10441 Washington Highway, Glen Allen, VA 23059.

*Tickets will be available in April.*

## NEW T-SHIRT AND HAT DESIGNS ARE IN

### Order Directly On Line!



Order now!

Visit [www.turnkeywow.com/sovatorchrn](http://www.turnkeywow.com/sovatorchrn)  
Start by creating a new account and then log-in. Reminder: shirts and hats should be sold (\$12 per item, or 2 for \$20), not given away. *If you need to give away an item, please try to account for it by making up the cost in another way* (example: it is OK to include a shirt in a goodie bag for a Golf Tournament since participants are paying an entree fee). If you have any questions about the ordering process, please call 800-405-7829 and ask for Torch Run Client Care.



Available after March 1

## Opening Hearts. Changing Minds.



### New Executive Council Members

**Randy LeFebvre** works with the Chesapeake Police Department and has been involved with Special Olympics since 1993, which was his first plunge. He's run in a few Torch Runs, however his specialty is the Polar Plunge...he's plunged every year since that first Plunge and says that he became a big supporter of Special Olympics from that day on! Randy was a member of the dive team in the earlier days of the Plunge and he also coordinated the first "Pre Plunge Promo", which occurs a couple days prior to the Plunge and is a great way to get the public interested before the big event. Randy is looking forward to his participation on the Virginia Torch Run Executive Council.

**Major Clayton Bennett** is the Chief of Administration with the Chesapeake Sheriff's Office. He's been with the office for 28 years and has been involved with Special Olympics Torch Run since the early 1990's. It all started with the Polar Plunge! He's worked on Cyclemania in the past and his current project is working with the dog trials. Bennett actively recruits volunteers for Torch Run. He says that an inspiring moment for him was one of the athletes came to him at the Games and gave him a big hug to thank him...it meant a lot and from that point forward he's been a big supporter of Special Olympics.

**1st Sgt. Darrell English** has been with the Stafford County Sheriff's Office for more than 25 years in a variety of areas. He has been the Crime Prevention Coordinator for Stafford since 1999 and is continually working to increase involvement with the county's Crime Prevention Unit. English has been an enthusiastic supporter of Torch Run and worked closely with Sheriff Charles Jett, 2009 Virginia Torch Run Chair, to raise fund for Special Olympics.

### Virginia Torch Run Executive Council

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## 2009 International Torch Run Conference

“LET ME WIN, BUT IF I CAN NOT WIN, LET ME BE BRAVE IN THE ATTEMPT!”

By Sgt. Michelle A. Cotten  
Virginia State Police

...A passage that is said and believed by the most inspirational athletes I have come to meet. Words can not express my first experience at the International Special Olympics Conference held in Foxwoods, Connecticut. An experience that was amazing and life changing, a conference in which I made life long friendships and became motivated to the Special Olympics mission of opening hearts and changing minds about people with intellectual disabilities.

Having very limited involvement and experience with Special Olympics, this conference brought so much awareness to the mission that Eunice Kennedy set forth in motion. *Empowerment, Competence* and *Acceptance* of athletes, and the use of the R word, RESPECT! I have been moved by the cause of Special Olympics, the unity of law enforcement not only in the United States but around the world, the love and passion that these officers have given to raise money to see the joy and excitement in an athletes face. Bringing an inspirational motivation to raise money, and to bring others to the movement to volunteer and to give a moment of themselves to the cause. It was an amazing experience that I will treasure forever. I was inspired and moved by the athlete's stories, the families support, and their stories of love and support for the law enforcement community. I gained knowledge about Eunice Kennedy's vision and mission to provide a gateway to empowerment and acceptance. Her vision and love is moving, and has set forth a mission that the law enforcement community has taken to heart and I am looking forward to being part of that mission.

During the conference and in the break out sessions, I came to an understanding and learned how different states and countries came together to develop programs to raise money in their communities. Gained with this knowledge, I was excited to return and bring forth these ideas and programs to my area and community to raise awareness and money to the Special Olympics cause. This was an experience in which I will cherish forever and look forward to many more to come.



Virginia received Emerald Award of Excellence at the International Conference for raising over \$500,000!



**VIRGINIA STATE POLICE  
DIVISION 7  
ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

*Benefiting Special Olympics Virginia*



Where: Fairfax National Golf Club  
Centreville, Virginia

When: Monday, June 7, 2010

Shotgun Start: 8:00 AM  
Four Person Teams/Captain's Choice



Price: \$75.00 per person  
Includes:  
• Golf Cart (18 Holes)  
• Lunch  
• Refreshments on Course  
• Prizes

**PROPER GOLF ATTIRE REQUIRED - NO BLUE JEANS**

**CUT-OFF DATE: May 26, 2010**

Directions: From I66 take Route 29 South, approximately 2 miles. Make right turn onto Bull Run Post Office Road, where you will see a sign for Fairfax National Golf Club. Go 2 1/4 miles, then make a left onto Sudley Road. From there, it is 1 mile to the golf course.

Make Checks Payable To:  
**Special Olympics Virginia**  
Mail to: Sergeant Dean Jones  
9801 Braddock Road, Fairfax, VA, 22032

*Enter Names of Players Below - Cut and Attach to Check*

1. _____	2. _____
3. _____	4. _____
Name of Contact Person: _____	
Address: _____	
Email: _____ Phone #: _____	

**4th Annual DOC  
Western Regional Cup  
Golf Tournament  
To Benefit Special Olympics**



**INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES  
FOR 1ST, 2ND, 3RD &  
LAST PLACE TEAMS!!**

CONTESTS:  
CLOSEST TO THE PIN  
LONGEST DRIVE

RAFFLE TICKETS AND  
GOODY BAGS TOO!!

**DRAPER VALLEY GOLF  
COURSE**

2800 BIG VALLEY DRIVE  
DRAPER, VA

**FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2010  
TEE OFF AT 8:30 AM**

OPEN TO D.O.C. / LAW ENFORCEMENT  
AND THE PUBLIC

**\$60.00 PER PLAYER**

SINGLES WILL BE PLACED IN TEAMS

**\$240.00 PER TEAM OF FOUR**

ENTRY FEE INCLUDES ONE RED TEE, ONE STRING  
AND ONE MULLIGAN PER PLAYER!!

**LUNCH PROVIDED BY COUNTRY KITCHEN**

**CONTACT PERSONS:**

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**Send Fee and Registration Form to:**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED:  \$240.00  \$60.00

NAMES: PLAYER 2 \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_  
PLAYER 3 \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_  
PLAYER 4 \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM CAPTAIN OF FOUR

SINGLE PLAYER



*It was a ccoold day at the Va. Beach Plunge!*



**Special Olympics  
Virginia**



**RIDING FOR A  
CAUSE -**

**A Motorcycle Poker Run**

**July 17, 2010**

**Registration: 8:30 am to 10:00 am**

**Academy for Staff Development  
1900 River Road West, Crozier, VA 23039**

**Fee: \$20 per person, which entitles the person to 1 hand  
of poker, a door prize ticket, and a meal.**

**Additional Hands: \$5 each**

**Additional Door Prize Tickets: \$1 each**



**For more information, contact  
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