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SUBJECT: Local Law Enforcement to run Flame of Hope through Northern California, kicking off Special Olympics summer games.

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SYNOPSIS: More than 5000 Law Enforcement personnel from federal, military, state, county and local agencies will be running the Special Olympics, "Flame of Hope," through Northern California from June 9 through June 22. The event is part of the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run, a year round fundraising campaign that will culminate at the Special Olympics Northern California summer games, June 22-24 at UC Davis. The Special Olympics Summer Games brings together more than 700 Special Olympics athletes from throughout Northern California to compete in aquatics, bocce, tennis and track & field. The games officially begin after the final leg of the torch run has been completed and the Flame of Hope lights up the Special Olympics caldron during opening ceremonies.

WEDNESDAY, June 13 – The torch begins its journey in Watsonville at 08:00 AM before heading through Aptos, Capitola, Santa Cruz, and ending the day in Scotts Valley. Torch runners from the Scotts Valley Police Department will receive the torch on Wednesday June 13th at approximately 2:00 p.m. at the Scotts Valley Hilton Hotel. Scotts Valley Police personnel will proceed down Mt Hermon Rd. to Scotts Valley Dr., up Glenwood Dr. to the city limits. Contact Reserve Officer John Hohmann for additional information @ 252-4187.

The Flame of Hope will travel hundreds of miles throughout 21 counties arriving in Davis, California on Friday June 22 for the opening ceremonies of the summer games. Every Officer running the torch has earned the right to be a "Guardian of the Flame" by raising funds and awareness for the Special Olympics.

As one of the state's largest grass roots fundraising efforts, the Law Enforcement Torch Run has become the single largest supporter of Special Olympics Northern California, a free year-round sports program that serves almost 19,000 children and adults with developmental disabilities.

For additional information on the Torch Run visit: <http://www.sonc.org/events/law-enforcement-torch-run>

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