



Lower Mainland law enforcement runners lace up for Special Olympics BC

From June 5 to 8, law enforcement members and Special Olympics BC athletes will run shoulder to shoulder through 16 Lower Mainland communities as part of the 2018 Law Enforcement Torch Run for SOBC.

Participants in this annual four-day run will proudly carry the Flame of Hope through their communities as they spread their message of respect and inclusion for individuals with intellectual disabilities. More than 400 law enforcement members and 50 SOBC athletes are expected to take part in the Lower Mainland Torch Run, including a core team that will run in every leg of the event.

“We are honoured that so many law enforcement members come out each year to support Special Olympics BC through the Lower Mainland Torch Run,” SOBC President & CEO Dan Howe says. “This event raises much-needed funds and awareness for SOBC, and it is inspiring to see the amazing levels of camaraderie and mutual respect between law enforcement members and Special Olympics athletes.”

Participating agencies include the Abbotsford, Delta, New Westminster, Port Moody, Vancouver, and West Vancouver police departments, RCMP detachments throughout the Lower Mainland, Canada Border Services Agency, the Justice Institute of British Columbia, and Metro Vancouver Transit Police.

June 5: Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Langley, Surrey, White Rock

June 6: Burnaby, Vancouver, North Vancouver/West Vancouver

June 7: Maple Ridge, Port Moody/Coquitlam

June 8: New Westminster, Richmond, Delta/Ladner

Full schedule by community: www.specialolympics.bc.ca/2018-Lower-Mainland-Torch-Run

Photos will be posted daily during the Lower Mainland Torch Run at www.flickr.com/photos/specialolympicsbc/albums

Photos from last year's event:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/specialolympicsbc/albums/72157682514991491>

Twitter: @sobcsociety, @BCLETR, #TorchRun

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www.specialolympics.bc.ca



About the Law Enforcement Torch Run

For more than 35 years, law enforcement members throughout the world have supported people with intellectual disabilities through the Law Enforcement Torch Run. The LETR movement has raised more than \$3 million in British Columbia since 1990. To date, the LETR has raised more than \$600 million for Special Olympics programs around the world. To learn more about the LETR, visit www.specialolympics.bc.ca/letr. Find BC LETR on Twitter @BCLETR.

About Special Olympics BC

Special Olympics BC is dedicated to enriching the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities through the power and joy of sport. In 55 communities around the province, we provide year-round training and competitive opportunities in 18 different sports to more than 4,600 athletes of all ages and abilities, thanks to the dedicated efforts of over 3,900 volunteers. For more information, please visit www.specialolympics.bc.ca, and find us on Facebook and Instagram @specialolympicsbc and Twitter @sobcsociety.

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