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Riverside Police Team Carries Torch for Special Olympics

Riverside, CA -- On Tuesday, June 9, 2009, officers of the Riverside Police Department will be donning Special Olympics Torch Run shirts and running the streets of Riverside to show support for the largest grassroots fundraising event for the Special Olympics. In 2008, over 3,500 officers carried the Special Olympics Torch more than 1500 miles and traversed through more than 200 communities to raise millions of dollars that benefits sports programs for people with intellectual disabilities or other special needs.

This year, the Riverside Police Department has 57 officer and civilian participants in the Torch Run and \$1140 in funding was provided by officers, the Riverside Police Officer's Association, and the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay Team to support this worthy cause. "These types of events truly inspire us to reach out as a community to bring awareness and support to those with special needs," said Assistant Chief John De La Rosa, who is a runner in this event.

The Torch Run began in Chula Vista, CA on June 2, 2009 and will conclude Friday, June 12, 2009. The Riverside Police Department Team will take the torch from Corona Police Department this Tuesday at 8:00 am, at the Riverside Police Department Orange Street Station. "Community members are invited to cheer the runners as they embark on their leg of the run," said Assistant Chief John De La Rosa. The route path is Orange Street to City Hall, south on Market Street, east on Fourteenth Street, and north on Victoria Avenue. The torch handoff with California Highway Patrol will be at Victoria Avenue and University Avenue.

Who: Riverside Police Department
What: Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run
When: 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 9, 2009
Where: Beginning, Orange Street Station, 4102 Orange Street, through downtown and ending at Victoria and University Avenues.

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