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

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SYNOPSIS: More than 1300 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 14 through June 25. 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 virtual summer games.

Beginning July 17th 2021, Special Olympics adopted a phased Return to Play Plan schedule for the athletes. Special Olympics Northern California will offer various sports and fitness programs that are most suitable for the safety of our athletes, coaches, volunteers, and supporters. However, based on Special Olympics Northern California general funding availability, local conditions, local resources, and public health mandates, we reserve the right to adjust the Return to Play program schedule.

WEDNESDAY, June 16 – 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 16th 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 @ 831-252-4187.

The Flame of Hope will travel hundreds of miles throughout 21 counties,. 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 21,000 children and adults with developmental disabilities.

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For additional information on the Torch Run visit; <https://www.sonc.org/LETRtorchrn>

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