



**Special Olympics**  
Illinois



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**Troy Truck Convoy to Benefit Local  
Special Olympics Athletes on September 22**

**Troy, Ill., September 1, 2018** – The 3rd Annual Troy Truck Convoy hosted at CIT Trucks (2120 Liebler Drive in Troy) on Saturday, September 22. Registration will kick off at 5:30 p.m. and the Truck Convoy will hit the road immediately following registration.

“The purpose of our charitable giving and community involvement is rooted in gratitude. CIT Trucks has a passion to invest not only in business, but in the lives of people and the nurturing of the communities in which we live and work,” said Bruce Thomas, Vice President / Dealer Principal of CIT Trucks, LLC. “We are proud to be a partner with Special Olympics Illinois, the trucking industry and Police Association as we work together to celebrate these remarkable athletes!”

Law Enforcement and truckers throughout the United States and Canada will join forces to hold the Troy Truck Convoy for Special Olympics hosted by the Troy Police Department. The international fundraising and awareness event is a unique partnership between law enforcement and truckers to raise funds for Special Olympics so the athletes can continue to train in year-round sports activities.

“The Troy Police Department proudly supports Special Olympic Athletes in Illinois, to include 23 local athletes. Serving a community that backs our department is what drives our officers to give back and go above and beyond the call of duty,” said Michael Raymond Jr. from the Troy PD. “Placing medals around the neck of athletes truly brings joy to our Officers. The bond that has been forged with the officers and athletes is seen at all the events.”

Special Olympics athletes and families, the community, companies, and law enforcement agencies will welcome the truckers as they return for dinner and a celebration, complete with awards and raffles. Special Olympics Illinois Global Messenger Jeremy Laurent will also give a speech to the group.

The Troy Truck Convoy is the second of three events held in Illinois this year. Saturday, August 25, marked the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sears Centre Truck Convoy. October 13 will mark year fourteen for the Tinley Park Truck Convoy at the Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre hosted by Tinley Park Police Department.

In 2017, a total of 205 trucks participated and raised \$75,000 for the athletes of Special Olympics Illinois. Since 2005, the Illinois Convoy has raised more than \$575,000 with a total of 850 trucks.

Trucking companies and truckers who want to participate in this year’s event can visit <https://www.soill.org/truck-convoy/> to register. The minimum donation to participate in the Special Olympics Truck Convoy is \$100 per truck. Trucking companies bid additional sponsorship funds to win the coveted spot of leading the convoy.

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**The Law Enforcement Torch Run®** is the single largest year-round fundraising vehicle benefiting Special Olympics Illinois. The annual intrastate relay and its various fundraising projects have two goals: to raise money and to gain awareness for the athletes who participate in Special Olympics Illinois. The Law Enforcement Torch Run® has raised more than \$47 million over 32 years while increasing awareness of Special Olympics Illinois athletes and their accomplishment

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