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**Sears Centre Truck Convoy to Benefit Local Special Olympics Athletes on August 17**

**HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL.** – Law enforcement and truckers throughout Chicagoland will join forces to hold the Sears Centre Truck Convoy for Special Olympics Illinois hosted by the Hoffman Estates and Buffalo Grove Police Departments. 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. Officers involved in the law enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics have made the Truck Convoy one of their annual signature events.

Special Olympics Illinois is proud to host the 5th Annual Sears Centre Truck Convoy at the Sears Centre (5333 Prairie Stone Pkwy in Hoffman Estates) on Saturday, Aug. 17. All trucks must check-in between 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. at the Sears Centre (5333 Prairie Stone Pkwy) in Hoffman Estates. An on-site live bid for the lead truck placement will start at 9:45 a.m. The Convoy leaves at 10:00 a.m. and law enforcement officers will escort the Convoy approximately 30 miles along Route 59/90 West to I- 90 and Route 47.

Special Olympics athletes and families, the community, companies and law enforcement agencies will welcome the truckers as they return to the Sears Centre for lunch and a celebration, complete with awards, raffles, and music. Registration is \$100 per truck and includes an official Convoy goody bag (while supplies last) and delicious lunch after the event.

The Sears Centre Convoy is proud to present Squad Haul, sponsored Oxcart Permit Systems. Lowboys, flatbeds, and rollback tow trucks are invited to haul a marked Police Squad Car in the Convoy. Both squads and trucks must register online in advance through this site. Participating police and truckers will be eligible for a \$1,000 prize, courtesy of Oxcart Permit Systems.

“Special Olympics has a way of bringing everyone together, setting aside differences and building communities of acceptance,” said Katie Risley, Director of Development-Torch Run. “The fact that Special Olympics can bring together law enforcement officers and truckers is a testament to how the athletes of Special Olympics are a true inspiration.”

Trucking companies and drivers who want to participate in this year’s event can visit [www.IllinoisTruckConvoy.com](http://www.IllinoisTruckConvoy.com) to register.

**Special Olympics Illinois** is a not-for-profit organization offering year-round training and competition in 18 sports for more than 23,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities and over 17,000 Young Athletes ages 2-7 with and without intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics transforms the lives of people with intellectual disabilities, allowing them to realize their full potential in sports and life. Special Olympics programs enhance physical fitness, motor skills, self-confidence, social skills and encourage family and community support. If you are interested in learning more about

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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 \$51 million over 33 years while increasing awareness of Special Olympics Illinois athletes and their accomplishments.

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