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TINLEY PARK TRUCK CONVOY TO BENEFIT LOCAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETES ON OCTOBER 12

TINLEY PARK, IL – Law Enforcement and truckers throughout the United States and Canada will join forces to hold the Tinley Park Truck Convoy for Special Olympics hosted by the Tinley Park 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. 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 15th Annual Tinley Park Truck Convoy at the Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre, on Saturday, October 12. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. beginning at the Hollywood Amphitheatre Casino (19100 Ridgeland Ave.) in Tinley Park, Illinois. The Convoy begins at 10:00 a.m. and Law Enforcement Officers will escort the Convoy approximately 22 miles along I- 57 and I- 80.

Special Olympics athletes and families, the community, companies, and law enforcement agencies will welcome the truckers as they return for lunch and a celebration, complete with awards and raffles.

“Special Olympics has a way of bringing everyone together, setting aside differences and building communities of acceptance,” said Katie Risley, Director-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.”

In 2018, a total of 240 trucks participated and raised \$100,000 for the athletes of Special Olympics Illinois. Since 2005, the Illinois Convoy has raised more than \$675,000 with a total of 850 trucks.

Trucking companies and truckers who want to participate in this year’s event can visit www.IllinoisTruckConvoy.com 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.

Thank you to our sponsors: Action Truck Parts, Idealease, Cummins, and Jewel- Osco for supporting the Tinley Park Truck Convoy.

This is the final Truck Convoy event in Illinois of 2019 – the Tinley Park Truck Convoy was preceded by events in Troy and Hoffman Estates.

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 in 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 Special Olympics Illinois, volunteering or providing financial support to help

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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 nearly \$52 million over 33 years while increasing awareness of Special Olympics Illinois athletes and their accomplishments.

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