



# LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS **FLAME OF HOPE AWARD**

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is the single largest fundraising vehicle for Special Olympics Illinois. Since 1986, the Illinois law enforcement community has been building a culture of respect and inclusion for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Through the Torch Run, the athletes of Special Olympics Illinois are able to realize their full potential and make a positive impact in their communities.

***The Flame of Hope is the highest honor of recognition given by Special Olympics Illinois, presented annually to one individual and one department/agency/organization for their dedicated involvement in the Torch Run.***

## GUIDELINES

The Flame of Hope award is open to any individual and department, agency or organization involved in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois. This award is based on the nominee's ingenuity, drive, commitment and dedication to the Torch Run, which directly impacts the lives of the more than 23,100 athletes with intellectual disabilities and nearly 13,000 Young Athletes ages 2-7 with and without intellectual disabilities of Special Olympics Illinois.

### **FLAME OF HOPE CRITERIA**

- **INGENUITY**  
Nominee has developed a new fundraising idea or a new approach to an existing idea to revitalize it
- **DRIVE**  
Nominee takes initiative to implement new ideas; constantly aims to improve the Torch Run and strives to be a top fundraiser
- **COMMITMENT**  
Nominee's scope of involvement
- **DEDICATION**  
Nominee has been involved over an extended period of time; continues to be an active and positive member of the Torch Run; gives freely of their time

## NOMINATION PROCEDURES

To nominate an individual or department/agency/organization, complete the form on the reverse side and submit to Jim Fitzpatrick of Special Olympics Illinois **no later than December 15, 2021**. It is very important to include supporting materials (stories, photos, videos, newspaper clippings, etc.) produced by or concerning the nominee. ***All nominations will remain active for three years.***

## WHO CAN NOMINATE?

Anyone actively involved in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois may submit a nomination. The Torch Run State Director, SO ILL TR Liaison and SO ILL President & CEO may not make a nomination, as they are the selection committee.



# LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS FLAME OF HOPE NOMINATION FORM

Please complete the form below to nominate an individual or department/agency/organization for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois Flame of Hope award. Completed forms, and all supporting materials should be submitted to Jim Fitzpatrick; Special Olympics Illinois – 605 E. Willow St. Normal, IL. 61761. You may also email forms to [jfitzpatrick@soill.org](mailto:jfitzpatrick@soill.org).

**All nominations are due by December 15, 2021** See reverse side for criteria.

I am nominating an (check one): Individual Agency, department or organization

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Contact Person (if an agency, department or organization): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # (Daytime): ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # (Evening): ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Leg #: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Involved in the Torch Run: \_\_\_\_\_

Summary of Torch Run Involvement – Why should this nominee be considered for this award?

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # (Daytime): ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number (Evening): ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_



Past Flame of Hope Recipients:

**PAST DEPARTMENT WINNERS**

2020 Illinois State Police  
2019 Oak Brook Police Dept.  
2018 Oak Forest Police Dept.  
2017 Troy Police Dept.  
2016 Bloomington Police Dept.  
2015 Rockford Police Dept.  
2014 Woodridge Police Dept.  
2013 Colleen MacRunnels & Maple Park P.D.  
2012 Chris Soderlund & Crestwood P.D  
2011 Jeff Price & El Paso P.D  
2010 Alan Winslow & Bethalto P.D  
2009 Dwayne English & Joliet P.D  
2008 Russ Laine & Algonquin P.D  
2007 Jim Kuchenbecker & Washington P.D  
2006 Bob Soukup & Orland Park P.D  
2005 Steve Balinski & Buffalo Grove P.D  
2004 Mark Eiting & Plainfield P.D  
2003 Doug Hayse & Morris P.D  
2002 McHenry County Government Center  
2002 Jeff Wild & O'Fallon P.D  
2001 Cook County Sheriff's Dept.  
2000 Tom Reasoner & Clarendon Hills P.D  
1999 Tom Yokley & Illinois State Police  
1998 Bruno Kalan & Western Springs P.D  
1997 Darrell Sanders & Frankfort P.D

**PAST INDIVIDUAL WINNERS**

2020 Amy Williams, Huntley Police Dept.  
2019 Brian Gimpel, O'Fallon Police Dept.  
2018 Chuck Mattmiller, IDOC  
2017 Chris Soderlund, Crestwood Police Dept.  
2016 Dan Kott, Geneva Police Dept.  
2015 John Proffitt, Fairview Heights PD.  
2014 Diane Vanderkooy, Illinois State Police  
2013 Bill Devine, Tinley Park Police Dept.  
2012 Jim Meier, Cook Co. Sheriff (Retired)  
2011 Dennis Reilly, Riverdale Police Dept.  
2010 Linda Hagemann, Kane County SAO  
2009 Mark Houston, Springfield Police Dept.  
2008 Jack Rood, Gilberts Police Dept.  
2007 Mary Pocus, NEMRT