

ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN FACTS

- ⚡ Began in Illinois in 1986
- ⚡ In 1986 the Torch Run began with 5 Legs and fewer than 100 runners carrying the torch along five legs: North (starting in South Beloit), South (starting in Cairo), East (starting in Quincy), West (starting in Danville), and the city of Chicago
- ⚡ Illinois' first Torch Run raised just \$14,039.93
- ⚡ Today's Torch Run is made up of Law Enforcement officers from many different agencies around the state: Chiefs of Police, Illinois State Police, FBI, City and County Police, Corrections, National Guard and many more Law Enforcement associations and groups
- ⚡ Since 1986, the Torch Run has raised more than \$58 million for Special Olympics Illinois
- ⚡ In 2002, the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run raised more than \$1.2 million for Special Olympics Illinois for the first time ever.
- ⚡ In 2015, the Torch Run surpassed the \$4 million mark for Special Olympics Illinois.
- ⚡ The Illinois Torch Run reached new heights in 2019 raising more than \$5.3 million.
- ⚡ Due to the pandemic, the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run intrastate relay will be held in a hybrid format the week of June 21st in conjunction with the 2021 Special Olympics Illinois Virtual Summer Games.

Examples of law enforcement agencies and organizations supporting the Torch Run include:

Administration Courts	NEMEG Narcotics Enforcement	Conservation	FBI
Police Departments	Corrections Department	Railway	IRS
County Coroners	Secret Service	Campus	DEA
Secretary of State	Multi-Training Unit (MTU)	State Police	Sheriffs
Health/Human Services	Illinois Police Association	US Postal Service	
State's Attorneys	Military Police	US Marshals Office	

Key Organizational roles in the Torch Run:

SPECIAL OLYMPICS INC. (SOI)

International headquarters for Special Olympics offers its considerable human and organizational resources in all 50 U.S. Chapters and various National Programs to support the Torch Run, and coordinates involvement of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, law enforcement organizations, International Special Olympics Games Committees and U.S. national sponsors.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE (IACP)

The official international organizing body is an international organization of Chiefs of Police and other law enforcement organizations and officials who have endorsed the Torch Run and are committed to facilitating the delivery of support from law enforcement to Special Olympics at every level. The IACP seeks the support of the Association of Chiefs of Police in each state or country asking for written endorsement of the project, requesting appointment of a Torch Run Director and secure logistical, fundraising and media relations support.

THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

An international union of sworn officers, the F.O.P. has adopted the Law Enforcement Torch Run as one of its official charitable activities. The F.O.P. will seek the support of officers in each state or country.