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**TUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN SPECIAL OLYMPICS
TORCH RUN THROUGH CITY ON JUNE 5**

TUSTIN, California. – Participating in an over 20-year tradition, Tustin Police Officers will join the Southern California Law Enforcement Special Olympic Run as it travels through Tustin on Thursday, June 5. Tustin Police participants will receive the Special Olympics Torch from Irvine Police participants at approximately 1:25 p.m. and the torch will be passed to Santa Ana Police participants at approximately 2:25 p.m. During the hour the torch will be traveling through Tustin, it will pass by Currie Middle School where special needs students will join officers on Sycamore Avenue as the torch passes their school.

“The Tustin Police Department participates in many community events that help build positive relationships between the Department and the citizens in our community. This particular event is a long standing tradition and we enjoy raising money for the Special Olympics and running with the kids,” said Chief Scott Jordan.

Approximately 15 runners from Tustin Police will participate. The specific route will begin on westbound Edinger from Harvard to northbound Red Hill. When they pass Red Hill and Sycamore, the students from Currie will join police for a short jog. Officers will then continue westbound on Sycamore to northbound Newport to eastbound Walnut and then run east bound on southeast Walnut

back up to Red Hill and then south bound on Red Hill to Edinger. The last leg will be westbound on Edinger and the torch will be handed off to Santa Ana Police at the Carl's Jr. at Edinger and Ritchie.

If the public would like to donate to the Special Olympics, they may make donations through the Tustin Police Department and can contact Detective Pam Hardacre at 573-3249. If the public would like to participate in cheering the runners – officers and students, please arrive at any waypoint on the route.

Runners participating as of May 22:

- Chief Scott Jordan
- Detective Pam Hardacre
- Detective Bonnie Breeze
- Crime Analyst Suzanna Smedley
- Executive Secretary Carmen Sarno
- Detective Mark Sauerwein
- Lieutenant Charlie Celano
- Detective Jon Cartwright
- Officer Natalie Nguyen
- Officer Melissa Santolla
- Communications Officer Genevieve Anderson
- Officer Ian Wise
- Officer Luis Garcia
- Property & Evidence Supervisor Mary Novotny
- Police Volunteer Raymond Leger
- PD Support Specialist Lead Kristin Miller
- Officer Michael Van Cleve

About the Torch Run

Last year the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics raised \$30 million for Special Olympics programs. This year, over 85,000 law enforcement officers will carry the Flame of Hope across 35 nations to raise funds and awareness for the games. More information about the event can be found at:

www.specialolympics.org/special+Olympics+Public+Website/English/Support/Law_Enforcement_Torch_Run/About/default.htm

About the City of Tustin

Located in the heart of Orange County, Tustin embraces both the historical past of citrus groves and the promising future of a vibrant 21st Century economy. From rustic Old Town Tustin to vital Tustin Ranch and the emerging Legacy development, Tustin is the place that 74,218 people, many families and businesses choose to call home. Tustin is the most dynamic city in Orange County and a significant contributor to Orange County's world-competitive economy. Families choose to live in Tustin because of its central location and small town feel. Businesses choose to locate in Tustin because of its central location and easy access to transportation. The City is proud of its reputation for sound fiscal management and its progressive, business-friendly atmosphere.

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