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### **Riverside Police Carries Torch for Special Olympics**

**Riverside, California** – On Tuesday, June 7, 2011, officers of the Riverside Police Department, including Assistant Chief of Police Christopher Vicino, will wear Special Olympic shirts and run the streets of Riverside to show support for the Special Olympic Athletes. Each year the Special Olympics organize a Law Enforcement Torch Run as a prelude to the annual Summer Games held at California State University, Long Beach. Over 4000 officers participate annually in the Southern California region. The officers carry the “Flame of Hope” from the Mexico Border through San Diego, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Los Angeles Counties covering a total distance of 1,500 miles.

The day’s relay will begin at 8 a.m. when the Corona Police Department passes the torch to the Riverside Police Department. The handoff will occur at the Riverside Police Facility located at 4102 Orange St in Riverside. Officers will run from the station, north on Orange Street, west on 10<sup>th</sup> Street past City Hall, south on Market Street, east on 14<sup>th</sup> Street, and north on Victoria Ave to University Ave where the RPD team will pass the torch to the California Highway Patrol. The local FBI office and University of California-Riverside Police will also participate in the run.

The relay is a fundraiser for the Special Olympics Southern California. Funding for the Riverside Police Department’s team participation was provided by the department employees, Riverside Police Officers Association, RPD Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay team, and Verizon Wireless.

**WHO:** Riverside Police Officers  
**WHAT:** Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run  
**WHEN:** 8a.m., Tuesday June 7, 2011  
**Where:** Riverside Police Department - 4102 Orange Street, Riverside  
**SPECIAL:** **MEDIA PHOTO OPPORTUNITY**

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