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METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Police Officers to Carry the Torch for Special Olympics

Officers will be joined by a Special Olympics Athlete on the three-mile run

Officers from the Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis will join law enforcement officers from around the state as they participate in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Approximately 20 officers will be joined by Alex Schulz, a Special Olympics athlete, as they run a three-mile route beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 23. The run will begin at the South Patrol Division located at 3157 Sublette and end at the Shrewsbury Metrolink station, where officers will hand off the torch to St. Louis County Police.

More than 900 runners from 100 law enforcement agencies will participate in the torch run which covers more than 1,000 miles. The torch will travel throughout Missouri with the culmination coming May 25 at the opening ceremonies for the State Summer Games in Springfield.

The department has been involved in countless efforts to support the athletes who participate in the Special Olympics. In Missouri, more than 15,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities participate in Special Olympics. For more information on Special Olympics – Missouri, visit www.somo.org.

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