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## **Nevada Law Enforcement Hit the Ground Running for Special Olympics**

Over 100 officers from 20 agencies will carry the "Flame of Hope" throughout the State of Nevada as they travel to the annual Special Olympics Summer Games held in Reno. The Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) is a series of statewide runs beginning on May 20<sup>th</sup>, traveling throughout the state during a 3 week journey.

The Special Olympics Torch will be lit at a kick-off ceremony at Hoover Dam on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and arrive in Reno on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Southern Nevada Law Enforcement Officers and Special Olympic Athletes will run the torch throughout Clark County, from Boulder City to North Las Vegas. The torch will continue its travel throughout the State, before arriving in front of over 600 athletes, coaches, and fans of Special Olympics to officially open the 2011 Summer Games. The Special Olympics Nevada Summer Games will be held June 3-4 2011 at the University of Nevada, Reno.

The Nevada Torch Run begins May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Nevada/Arizona Border on the Hoover Dam. Torch Runners include members of the Hoover Dam, National Park Service, Boulder City, Henderson, Las Vegas Metropolitan, Clark County School District, Department of Public Safety, College of Southern Nevada, North Las Vegas and Nellis Air Force Police Departments. The relay style event will run the torch from Hoover Dam through Boulder City and Henderson, down Las Vegas Boulevard, and into North Las Vegas. From there, the torch will travel on to Elko County before completing its journey in Reno.

Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and competition for over 4,000 children and adults with developmental disabilities. By participating in sports, physical fitness and healthcare education programs, Special Olympics Nevada athletes increase self-confidence and social skills, improve physical and motor skills, and have a better success in leading more productive and independent lives.

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