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# CHULA VISTA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## POLICE MEDIA ADVISORY

Date: May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
To: San Diego Media  
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Subject: **MEDIA INVITE – 38<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN KICK-OFF AT CHULA VISTA POLICE DEPARTMENT, MAY 28<sup>th</sup> AT 9:00 AM**

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Message: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **CHULA VISTA – MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN KICKOFF.**

**WHERE:** Chula Vista Police Department, 315 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, Ca. 91910 (public courtyard in front of the main lobby).

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 A.M. – 09:30 A.M.

This event marks the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run (excluding the two-year hiatus 2020-2021 due to pandemic restrictions). It's the 18<sup>th</sup> year the Chula Vista Police Department has served as its starting point. The ceremony will feature speeches from Chief Roxana Kennedy of the Chula Vista Police Department, Assistant Chief Bernie Colon of the San Diego Police Department, and Thomas Selbe, the Special Olympics Global Messenger & Athlete and Law Enforcement Torch Run Council Member and others.

Following the Torch Lighting Ceremony, officers will start their trek with the Flame of Hope. Numerous officers and professional staff members of the Chula Vista Police Department will be participating in the run, alongside their counterparts from law enforcement agencies around the region. The Torch Run spans two weeks, 11 counties, 200 communities, and 900 miles, and it will feature officers from local, county, state, federal, and military agencies. The run features multiple legs, from San Luis Obispo to Ventura to Los Angeles to San Bernardino to so many more. They will converge on California State University, Long Beach on June 8<sup>th</sup> to light the cauldron at the Special Olympics Southern California's

Summer Games, signifying the official start of the Games. Learn more about the Torch Run at [www.sosc.org/torchrun](http://www.sosc.org/torchrun).

### **About Law Enforcement Torch Run**

Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) is the largest public awareness vehicle and grassroots fundraiser for Special Olympics Southern California (SOSC). While Law Enforcement Torch Run is represented in all 50 U.S. states, Canadian provinces and 46 nations with 97,000 officers around the world, Southern California is one of the leading programs in the world, raising \$1.7 million in 2023 alone. Since Law Enforcement Torch Run's inception in 1981, it has raised more than \$1 billion globally to support Special Olympics. Learn more at [www.sosc.org/torchrun](http://www.sosc.org/torchrun).

### **About Special Olympics Southern California**

Special Olympics Southern California enriches the lives of athletes and their communities through sports, leadership, and health programs. The free, year-round programs lead to improved health, self-confidence, and independence among athletes with intellectual disabilities and acceptance and inclusion in the community. Special Olympics Southern California has earned a four-star ranking from Charity Navigator for exceeding industry standards. This ranking is the highest Charity Navigator offers to an organization and is given because Special Olympics has demonstrated strong financial health and a commitment to accountability and transparency. Learn more at [www.sosc.org](http://www.sosc.org).

***Please email [pio@chulavistapd.org](mailto:pio@chulavistapd.org) with any questions about the kick-off and to let us know if you'll be attending. You can also contact the PIO using the above contact information or mobile phone, (619)385-6775.***

***For general inquiries about the larger Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Southern California, or Special Olympics Southern California, contact Abbey Leffler at 951-236-7050 and/or [aleffler@sosc.org](mailto:aleffler@sosc.org)***

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