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MEDIA RELEASE

The annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics will take place on **Tuesday June 4, 2019** in the Town of Gananoque, ON. The run will include athletes, students, and local area Law Enforcement from The Gananoque Police Service, Ontario Provincial Police and Canada Border Services. The event will commence at **9:00AM** at Home Hardware located at 875 Stone St. North Gananoque.

The event is intended as a fundraiser to help local athletes raise money for their travel expenses and registration fees, as well as to help build awareness for the Special Olympics movement in Ontario.

History & Mission

With the endorsement of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, the first Law Enforcement Torch Run in Canada was held in 1987 and generated \$100,000 in funds with the participation of Law Enforcement personnel from Southern Ontario. Nationally, the run has become an annual event across Canada. In Ontario alone, in excess of \$30 million has been raised, establishing it as one of the most profitable torch run relationships in the world.

The success and support of the Law Enforcement Torch Run over the years has been phenomenal. Since the torch began its partnership with Special Olympics Ontario, the number of registered athletes has grown from under 4,000 to greater than 26,000 athletes today.