



Special Olympics Torch Run Wednesday

Dep. Justin Green selected to light the torch at the 2017 Opening Ceremony

Tulsa County Sheriff's Office will once again be participating in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics. The Torch Run is an event in which officers and athletes run the "Flame of Hope" to the Opening Ceremonies of Special Olympics competitions.

The run will begin in Tulsa on Wednesday. Local law enforcement agencies will take part in the Torch Run as it makes its way down Highway 51 to Yale, where TCSO will begin the final 25 miles of the run. TCSO has proudly completed the final leg of this event for over 10 years.

The Torch Run ends in Stillwater with a parade to celebrate the opening of the Summer Games at Oklahoma State University.

TCSO Dep. Justin Green is the 2017 Special Olympics "Tim Stafford Unsung Hero Award" winner. This honor is dedicated to the memory of OHP Trooper Tim Stafford. Trooper Stafford was well known for his commitment to the Law Enforcement Torch Run and the athletes it serves. Every year this honor is given to someone who shows the same outstanding dedication to this worthy cause. As this year's award winner, Dep. Green will run the torch into the stadium in Stillwater along with a Special Olympics athlete. Together they will light the ceremonial torch to begin the 2017 summer games.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run of Oklahoma was started in 1986. There are currently over 140 participating agencies in Oklahoma. In 2015 more than \$450,000 was raised for Special Olympics Oklahoma through merchandise sales and local fundraising events.