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Law enforcement's passion for Special Olympics burns bright

FORT PIERCE – Each year, all across the Treasure Coast and the state of Florida, law enforcement officers demonstrate their passion for Special Olympics.

On Friday, April 24th, law enforcement officers will take that passion to the streets in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit Florida Special Olympics. It's all part of an international event in which law enforcement personnel raise awareness and funds for Special Olympics athletes.

There are two events scheduled, a morning run which is intended to show support for local Special Olympics athletes enrolled in St. Lucie County Schools. Officers will carry the Torch along designated routes within the following schools.

Short Run Schedule:

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| Samuel Gaines | 9:45 a.m. |
| Fort Pierce Central | 10:00 a.m. |
| Riversedge Elementary | 10:20 a.m. |
| Parkway Elementary | 10:40 a.m. |
| Manatee Elementary | 11:00 a.m. |

Later, the Torch will be carried along a route that begins at the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office and end in Downtown Fort Pierce about 5:30 p.m. The end of the run coincides with the "Downtown Fort Pierce Classic Car Cruise In" car show. A variety of activities including police related demonstrations, search and rescue animal demonstrations and fun for the entire family.

"We want the community to come out and enjoy the celebration," said Sgt. Rock. "It's a lot of fun.

Throughout the month of April law enforcement officers and public safety personnel have participated in a host of activities and event. On Saturday, April 18th, at 2 p.m. law enforcement officers played against fire rescue personnel at Lawnwood Stadium in a highly competitive game of flag football. There was a \$5 donation and all proceeds will benefit the Florida Special Olympics. The team of fire rescue personnel won the game and regained the coveted trophy, said Sgt. Rock.

Earlier this month they raised more than \$1,100 from the annual Tip-A-Cop held at Red Lobster.

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