

# The Torch Bearer

Newsletter of the Law Enforcement Torch Run to Support  
Special Olympics Wyoming  
Summer 2018



## 2018 Torch Runs:

What a different picture from 2017, hardly any snow and great participation from Devil's Tower to Evanston, Cody to Cheyenne and a whole lot of running in between. Thank you!



And for those we missed please send pics!





Now that the final leg to Seattle has been completed and the 50<sup>th</sup> celebration in Chicago, we will start to see and hear more about the 2019 World Summer Games in Abu Dhabi next March. Chief Dwane Pacheco of Rock Springs and Brendan Burke, Special Olympics athlete from Jackson will represent Wyoming.



## Great Summer Successes



**Two** locations, **one** great restaurant, **many many** Law Enforcement! What an excellent combination for a guaranteed success. More than \$12,000 was raised – We love the partnership!

Thanks to Wyoming representatives **Julie Wickett**, Glenrock, **Officer Matt Koritnik** of Powell PD, and **Chief Ron Casalenda**, Douglas PD. The run was a success, our athletes loved seeing Wyoming officers at the Opening Ceremony.



The [50th Anniversary of Special Olympics](#) kicked off in July in Chicago. Thank you, Major Keith Groeneweg, for representing Wyoming.

## Happening now!



Tickets are available to sell now! \$20.00 ticket gives the purchaser seven chances to win every week for seventeen weeks - all they have to do is wait for the check to arrive. [Click here](#) to submit an order.

A reminder that the deadline is September 4<sup>th</sup>!

The **2018 Fire Truck Pull** is scheduled for Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> in Cheyenne at the Hobby Lobby Parking Lot. Looks like there is a good possibility we may have as many as a dozen teams competing this year. Thanks to the Cheyenne council and **Adam Wright** for their work!



Last year thirty trucks rolled through the streets of Cheyenne for our largest Truck Convoy ever. This year Cheyenne will host the event again on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> using the Wyoming Department of Transportation yard as a starting point. Again the Cheyenne Council is busy! Thank you, Detective Robert Mosbacher, for taking the lead.

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## Torch Run Council

The Law Enforcement Torch Run to Benefit Special Olympics is coordinated by a small group of experienced, dedicated and passionate Law Enforcement representatives. The Torch Run council is then supported by a designated Special Olympics Wyoming staff person (Priscilla Dowse).



We are looking for two representatives for Region I (Big Horn Basin and Fremont County) and an additional individual for Region II (Western Wyoming and Sweetwater County)

## Torch Run Council

State Director: [Matt Koritnik](#)  
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Region I: open  
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Special Olympics Liaison: [Priscilla Dowse](#)

# Calendar of Events

### AUGUST

25 Fire Truck Pull—Cheyenne

### SEPTEMBER

3 Office Closed Labor Day  
8 Old Bill's Fun Run, Jackson  
14 Board of Directors Meeting  
15 Truck Convoy, Cheyenne  
20 Area III Fall Tournament, Cheyenne  
29 Area II Fall Tournament, Green River  
Area Fall Tournaments

### OCTOBER

10-12 Fall Tournament, Casper  
11 Young Athlete Event, Casper College, Casper  
27 Comedy Night, Rock Springs  
Indian Taco Feed, Douglas

### NOVEMBER

22-23 Office Closed for Thanksgiving  
25 Teddy Bear Tea, Casper  
27 Festival of Trees, Casper

### DECEMBER

1<sup>st</sup> Leadership Conference, Riverton  
7 Board of Directors Meeting  
8 Winter Sports Coaches Training, Jackson  
15 Winter Sports Coaches Training, Casper

# Upcoming Events

With the Special Olympics Wyoming Summer Sports Classic this weekend (August 17 & 18), teams across the state are already gearing up for the Fall Season...

Bowling, Soccer, Cycling, and Tennis are all on the schedule for October 10-12<sup>th</sup> in Casper. Areas are currently setting schedules for Area competition in Lander, Worland, Green River (September 29<sup>th</sup>), Cheyenne (September 20<sup>th</sup>), Sheridan, and Casper.

