

# The Torch Bearer

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



## Winter 2017

### 2016 in Review



What a remarkable year, the efforts of Law Enforcement surpassed anything done in the past, and the potential for more growth in 2017 is set and ready to go.

Law Enforcement continues to be a presence at every Special Olympics competition, the flame of hope wound its way across the state celebrating our athlete's achievement and honoring their participation. We have a change in our council, the legacy and previous work of our leaders will provide the sustainability and strength to continue moving forward.

Two new fundraising activities were added; Fire Truck Pull and Pigskin Madness with plans in place for 2017.

### Looking forward to 2017

So many things to look forward ...



Our Area Winter Games are wrapping up, Winter Games in Jackson next week, Summer Games in Laramie in May, Summer Sports Classic in Casper in August and Fall Tournament again in Casper in October.

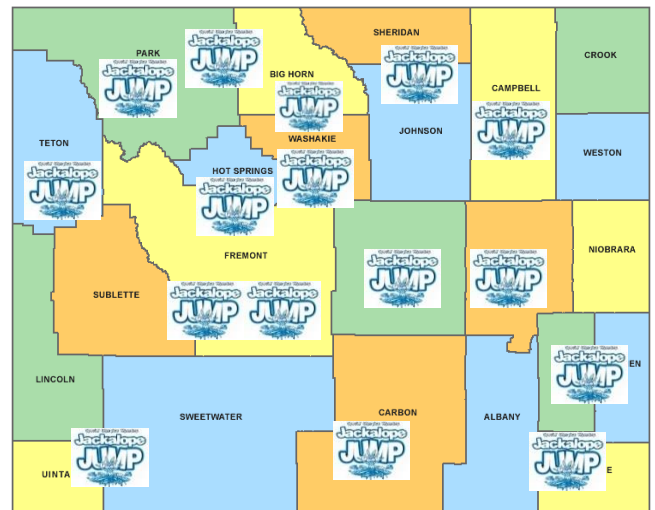


Jackalope Jump season starts in Casper on February 17<sup>th</sup>. The Jackalope will jump in sixteen locations throughout the state and wrap-up with the Cheyenne jump on April

1<sup>st</sup>. Click on the "Below Zero Hero" to go to the web-site and more information.



Too chicken to jump? We've got you covered ~ 2017 features a shirt for you. They will be on sale at each location.



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Chief Mike Samp leaves for Europe March 7<sup>th</sup> to participate in the final leg to the 2017 World Winter Games in Austria. Wyoming will have two athletes compete in those games. Mike will be participating in the [Schladming Splash](#); you can pledge your support to him for his efforts.



## First Ever! Liaison Luncheon



Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> the Wyoming Law Enforcement Torch Run to Benefit Special Olympics Wyoming will host our first liaison luncheon in Casper to kick-off the Torch Run efforts. We will host one person from each agency interested (but we would welcome more than one) in attending with the goal to increase involvement from Law Enforcement Agencies across the state.

Action Items

## 2017 Sponsorship Opportunities

Be included in 1,000 printed shirts, quarterly newsletters, and social media exposure. All this and you are helping to provide support for the great combination of the Law Enforcement Community and Special Olympics Wyoming, what's not to love? The Torch Run Council is currently soliciting for our 2017 Torch Run Sponsors. Do you know someone who might be interested? Click [here](#) for more detailed information.

The following have already committed to supporting the efforts of the 2017 Law Enforcement Torch Run in Wyoming:  
Silver Medal Sponsors:



Bronze Medal Sponsors:

Memorial Hospital of Converse County  
 Motorola Solutions ☆ Salvation Army  
 Short Powerline Service ☆ Trader Publishing  
Donor: Bairco Construction

*Thank you*

## Torch Run Council

The Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics is coordinated by a small group of experienced, dedicated and passionate group of Law Enforcement representatives that make up the Torch Run Council. The Torch Run council is then supported by a designated Special Olympics Wyoming staff person. Last fall the Council elected Officer Matt Koritnik of the Lovell Police Department as State Director and Chief Mike Samp of the University of Wyoming Police Department as Deputy Director.



With those changes Officer Mike Fernandez of the Cheyenne Police Department and Deputy Donnie Heiduck of the Laramie County Sheriff's Office will now serve as Region III Directors. The council is currently looking for a Region I Director that would coordinate and provide support to the activities in the Big Horn Basin and Fremont County,

## Torch Run Council

State Director: [Matt Koritnik](#)  
 State Deputy Director: [Mike Samp](#)  
 Region I: open  
 Region II: [Frostie Egley](#)  
 Region III: [Mike Fernandez](#) & [Donnie Heiduck](#)  
 Region IV: [Boot Hill](#)  
 Region V: [Ty Mower](#)  
 Special Olympics Athlete: [Lewis Fancher](#)  
 Director Emeritus: [Ron Casalenda](#)  
 Special Olympics Liaison: [Priscilla Dowse](#)

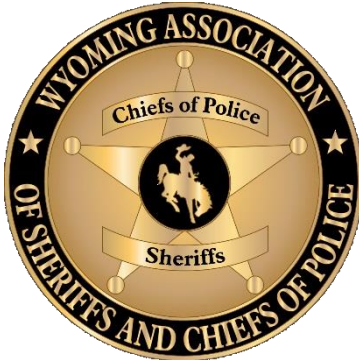
## 2017 Merchandise

Our merchandise opportunities are a great way to support fundraising efforts and promote the remarkable relationship that Law Enforcement has with Special Olympics. The 2017 design is in the process of being developed. Be sure to check out Facebook or The Special Olympics Wyoming web-site for order forms in March



# Special Olympics Wyoming Thanks the 2016 Sponsors Law Enforcement Torch Run Sponsors

## Guardian of the Flame



## Gold Medal



## Silver Medal

## ComTech



## Bronze Medal

Bairco Construction ☆ Salvation Army  
Traders Publishing ☆ Lollypops – Saratoga, Wyoming  
Memorial Hospital of Converse County ☆ Motorola Solutions ☆ Wyoming Otolaryngology  
Salvation Army ☆ Trader Publishing ☆ GSG Architecture ☆ Short Powerline Service

### February

3 Area I Winter Games;  
Meadowlark Ski Area

### 7-9 State Winter Games, Jackson

15 Capitol Hill Day  
17 Casper Jackalope Jump  
18 Riverton Jackalope Jump  
18 Powell Pancake Dinner  
20 President's Day  
25 Sheridan Jackalope Jump

### March

1 [Spread the Word Day](#)  
4 Wheatland Jackalope Jump  
10 Lovell Jackalope Jump  
11 Powell Jackalope Jump  
11 Jackson Jackalope Jump  
12 Lander Jackalope Jump  
15 Douglas Jackalope Jump  
14-25 World Winter Games  
18 Washakie County  
Jackalope Jump  
18 Bridger Valley Jackalope  
Jump

### March cont.

18 St. Patrick's Day 5k, Casper  
18 Gillette Jackalope Jump  
24 **Liaison Luncheon, Casper**  
25 Thermopolis Jackalope Jump  
31 Cody Jackalope Jump

### April

1 Cheyenne Jackalope Jump  
1 or 8 Rawlins Jackalope Jump  
27-28 Area IV Summer Games,  
Gillette  
28 Area I Summer Games, Cody

### May

Torch Runs – locations  
statewide  
18-20 **State Summer Games,  
Laramie**

*Everywhere we go  
People want to know  
Who we are,  
So we tell them,  
We are the Torch Run,  
Mighty, Mighty Torch  
Run,  
Special Olympics Torch  
Run  
Final Leg, Torch Run,  
World-wide Torch Run,  
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