



# Torch Run News

Fall 2007

2007 Law Enforcement Torch Run to Benefit Special Olympics Wyoming

**550 Law Enforcement Representatives ~ 33 Agencies**  
**542 Miles ~ 12 Legs ~ \$ 53,116.46**

Buffalo PD  
 Casper PD  
 Cheyenne PD  
 Converse County SO  
 DCI—Cheyenne  
 Douglas PD  
 Evansville PD  
 F.E. Warren AFB  
 Gillette PD  
 Glendo State Park  
 Glenrock PD  
 Goshen County SO  
 Green River PD  
 Hot Springs County SO  
 Johnson County SO  
 Laramie PD  
 Laramie County SO  
 Mills PD  
 Natrona County SO

Park County SO  
 Platte County SO  
 Powell PD  
 Rawlins PD  
 Riverton PD  
 Rock Springs PD  
 Sheridan County SO  
 Sweetwater County SO  
 Torrington PD  
 US Marshals Office  
 UW PD  
 Wheatland PD  
 Wyoming Highway Patrol  
 Wyoming Law  
 Enforcement Academy  
 > Peace Officers Basic  
 # 07B115  
 > Detention Officers Basic  
 # 07B57



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**Special Olympics**  
Wyoming

# 2007 Events!

# Coming Up

## Cops 'n Jocks

From one event in 2006 to three events in 2007—Law Enforcement, driven by the Fraternal Order of Police, raised **\$20,736.00** this year to support Special Olympics Wyoming at the local level and through the Torch Run.



Congratulations to Casper for an even more successful 2007 event and to Cheyenne and Sheridan for stepping up. Cheyenne is looking at another collection in September in conjunction with the Truck Convoy.

In 2008 we'll look at additional locations across the state. Thank you!

For more information contact Mike Burnett at [jumbo@wyoming.com](mailto:jumbo@wyoming.com).

## 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games ~ Final Leg

This promises to be another incredible opportunity to use the Flame of Hope to spread the message of Special Olympics and highlight the abilities of athletes to millions of people in China. This historic Final Leg will begin in Beijing and cover all of the Host Town Program communities on the way to Opening Ceremonies in Shanghai. The combined population of the cities where runs and ceremonies will be conducted is 68.4 million so our impact in China will be monumental and long-lasting. Special Olympics Wyoming is honored to have Tedy Schneider of



Cheyenne represent Wyoming Law Enforcement in the Final Leg in China. We will forward the live link as the Flame of hope travels through China.

## Dinner

Firefighters and crime fighters cooked up a great dinner for Riverton's third annual Steak Dinner that raised **\$3,000** for the Torch Run.

## 2007 International Law Enforcement Torch Run Conference

**October 31– November 3  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

The 2007 Conference invites you to "Catch Your Dreams". This year's conference will be nothing less than inspirational to those who carry the Flame of Hope in efforts to make a difference for those with mental disabilities. Special Olympics Wyoming is interested in sending an additional Law Enforcement individual to the conference this year. All expenses will be covered. If you are interested and have the okay from your agency— Please let Priscilla, Ron or Tedy know by September 10th.



## Tip a Cop ~ Texas Road House, Cheyenne

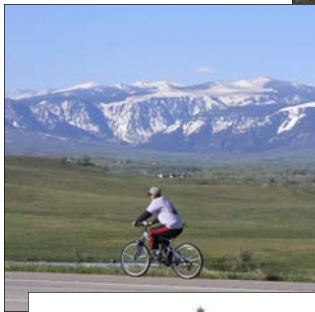


The event keeps growing! Officers from Laramie County SO, Cheyenne PD, F.E. Warren AFB and the US Marshals Office teamed up for a third year at the Texas Road House in Cheyenne. 21 Law Enforcement personnel served, bussed and sang through the weekend to raise **\$7,029!**



What an honor it is for me to represent the Wyoming LETR in Shanghai, China at the International Special Olympics Summer games this October! There will be 114 law enforcement officers, 11 Special Olympics athletes and 14 Support Team Members from around the world serving as "Guardians of the Flame" while receiving the Flame of Hope on September 26 in Beijing. The Final Leg Team will run and attend ceremonies in the Host Town Programs as well as running in the 19 districts of Shanghai to raise awareness of Special Olympics. Opening Ceremonies for the 2007 World Games is October 2nd in Shanghai. It will be an experience and a challenge that I am truly looking forward to.

Keep the Flame Burning! Stay safe. Tedy Schneider, Co-Director Wyoming Torch Run  
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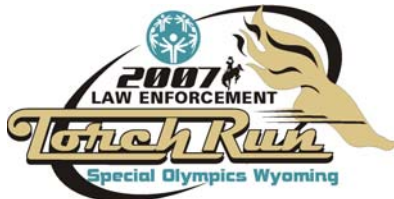
Well, summer as we know it (school getting ready to start etc.) is coming to a close and there are a few items that need to be addressed. First and foremost is THANK YOU Wyoming Law Enforcement!!! As Torch Run gets ready to compile/compare numbers against last year I am confident of one thing, we did it again. I know we increased the number of counties that raised money over last year and that was huge based on the fact that one of the major international sponsors scaled back and we were way short as far as that was concerned. Another thing that increased was the number of law enforcement runners that participated. With FE Warren Air Force Base came on board with a bang (no pun intended) and our numbers were super – a big thanks to Brent and JC for their efforts.

While on the topic of the military we need to make sure we keep all of the service men and women serving our great country in our thoughts and prayers – this includes those serving here in the US, those on foreign bases and especially those fighting over seas. They do what they do so we can do what we do! Another thanks go out to the staff at Special Olympics Wyoming, their help should never go un-noticed or un-appreciated. Still another, Tedy Schneider, the state Co-Director has again stepped up and made this program a huge success and her hard work will hopefully be rewarded as she represents our great state during the final leg of the World Summer Games.

As you read this newsletter look for the insert that Priscilla wrote which explains the possibility of another member of our Wyoming team being able to attend the fall conference in Oklahoma City the latter part of October. This is just another way that our hard work pays off. We truly do cherish your thoughts and input when it comes to ideas regarding fundraising, shirt designs, ways to increase participants, etc. Please feel free to contact us either through phone/email/FAX or however you feel most comfortable.

Keep your minds open and please start thinking about participating in/ helping with the World's Largest Truck Convoy set for 09/15/07 in Cheyenne and in Sweetwater County, the Opening Ceremonies of the Fall Tournament scheduled for 10/17/07 in Casper, or even yet, the Winter Games 02/05/08 (never to late to start thinking, especially since there won't be a newsletter out before that).

Thanks again, God speed and remember "keep the flame of hope burning"  
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**LETR 2007 Shirts are still available!**  
**Short Sleeve T-shirts (Black) \$12.00**  
**Long Sleeve T-Shirts (Red) \$18.00**  
**Contact Ron Casalenda (307) 358-3311**  
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## **One day. A thousand trucks. A lifetime of inspiration.**

In 2006 compassionate truck drivers formed 40 convoys in the United States and Canada and hit the road as part of the World's Largest Truck Convoy™ and the numbers continue to grow in anticipation of 2007.

September 15, 2007 will mark the third World's Largest Truck Convoy in Wyoming. Please join LETR and Special Olympics Wyoming for this unique and fun way to support Special Olympics. Wyoming will host two separate locations for this year's convoy. We'll be at the LCCC campus in Cheyenne and Sweetwater County from Green River to Rock Springs will be the second Wyoming location.

Law Enforcement Liaisons: Joe Cronk, Green River Police Department.

Tedy Schneider, Laramie County Sheriff's Office

Or for information on how to enter a truck, contact:

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