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SAN FERNANDO POLICE ANNOUNCE "TIP-A-COP" TO BENEFIT SPECIAL OLYMPICS

San Fernando, CA – The San Fernando Police Department and San Fernando Police Officers Association will host a Tip-A-Cop event on <u>Tuesday, May 24, 2016, from 9:00</u> <u>am to 1:00 pm</u>, at Heavenly Pancakes, located at 665 N. Maclay Avenue, San Fernando.

This is your chance to have a uniformed Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant or maybe even the Chief of Police help serve you as you enjoy your breakfast or lunch. The public is invited and strongly encouraged to join us and support this great cause. Officers will be raising money for the Special Olympics of Southern California Tri-Valley area, which serves people with intellectual disabilities in the City of San Fernando.

"Let's have a Tip-A-Cop Challenge. I know the community will come out and support us." says Officer Evelyn Diaz, event chairperson/organizer. "The money we raise is for a great cause, Special Olympics." Law Enforcement and Special Olympics have a great partnership beyond this Tip-A-Cop event, including volunteering in The Torch Run, Opening Ceremonies and awarding athlete's medals and ribbons at competitions throughout the region.

San Fernando Police Officers Association President Saul Garibay said, "We are proud to support this event as an Association and have our members donate their time to such a great cause." Chief Anthony Vairo said, "We cherish the relationship we have with Special Olympics and I am proud of the men and women in our department for volunteering their time to support such a worthy event."

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

117 Macneil Street San Fernando California 91340 "All the money raised at Tip-A-Cop stays right here in the Tri-Valley Region, which serves people in San Fernando, and benefits our local athletes with intellectual disabilities. The money raised helps pay for equipment, transportation, competitions,

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and uniforms for our athletes so they are able to participate at no cost to the athletes and their families," said Laura Mayo, Special Olympics Regional Director.

Tri-Valley has over 650 athletes who are training in six sports in the Spring/ Summer season and four in the Fall/ Winter. If you are interested in volunteering to be a coach, or know someone who would like to be an athlete, please call **Special Olympics Tri-Valley** office at 661.489.0540 or email lmayo@sosc.org.

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