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

San Fernando, CA – The San Fernando Police Department will host its third annual Tip-A-Cop event on **Friday, April 20, 2017, from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm**, 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 our Chief of Police help serve you as you enjoy a meal. The public is invited and strongly encouraged to again join us to 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.

"We are so pleased to be hosting our third annual Tip-a-Cop. I know the community will come out and support us." says Detective Evelyn Diaz, event chairperson/organizer. "The money we raise is for a great cause, Special Olympics. Last year we raised over \$5,000 with the community's great support! It shows our city may be small in number, but has a big heart!" 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 athletes' medals and ribbons at competitions throughout the region.

San Fernando Police Chief Anthony Vairo said, "We are proud to again support this event and have our department members donate their time to such a great cause. We cherish the relationship we have with Special Olympics and the chance to not only raise funds but to raise ocommunity awareness."

"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 them and their families. The programs include basketball here in San Fernando and the upcoming April 21st Regional Swim Competition for athletes with intellectual disabilities being held for the first time ever at the San Fernando Regional Pool," said Laura Mayo, Special Olympics Assistant Vice President.

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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