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#### SAN FERNANDO POLICE ANNOUNCE "TORCH RUN" TO BENEFIT SPECIAL OLYMPICS

SAN FERNANDO, CA – On Wednesday, November 3, 2021, the San Fernando Police Department will participate in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics of Southern California. Beginning at 9 am, the team of Police and City Personnel will carry the "Flame of Hope" Torch throughout the City of San Fernando along a 2.5 mile route; see the attached flyer for the point-by-point route and map.

The Flame of Hope symbolizes courage and celebration of diversity while representing inclusion, respect and the spirit of the Special Olympics.

The San Fernando Police team will be led by Sergeant Walter Dominguez. "We are so excited to again be a part of this run. COVID-19 restrictions prevented this run last year and we hope to again see hundreds of people line the streets which inspires us to be a part of this great cause," expressed Sergeant Dominguez.

Chief Anthony Vairo said, "We are truly honored to be a part of carrying this torch again. Our City family is always excited about showing our support for the champions of Special Olympics who do not know the words 'I can't' and who overcome challenges everyday as persons with intellectual disabilities." Chief Vairo went on to say, "We embrace diversity in our community and the diversity of these outstanding athletes."

The public is encouraged come out and support the City's police and City personnel on Wednesday, November 3, 2021. Chief Vairo hopes the City's residents, students and members of the business community will to line the streets of the San Fernando Mall and on their school grounds to support the Team San Fernando as they run in support of the Special Olympics.

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For more information on the run or to donate to the running team, you may visit the Special Olympics Santa Clarita & Tri-Valley website at <a href="http://fundraising.sosc.org/goto/sanfernandopd">http://fundraising.sosc.org/goto/sanfernandopd</a>.

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### TEAM SAN FERNANDO LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCEMENT TORCE RUN



**Special Olympics** Southern California



**NOVEMBER 3, 2021** 

Come out and support the San Fernando Police Department and City employees as they run side-by-side with Special Olympic Athletes in the 35<sup>th</sup> Law Enforcement Torch Run! Join in the fun and see the Flame of Hope travel through the City.

