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SAN FERNANDO POLICE PARTICIPATES IN ANNUAL “TORCH RUN” TO BENEFIT SPECIAL OLYMPICS

SAN FERNANDO, CA - On Wednesday, June 5, 2024, the San Fernando Police Department will participate in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run to support Special Olympics of Southern California. Beginning at 10:45 am, San Fernando Police Department and City Employees will carry the “Flame of Hope” Torch through 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 Torch symbolizes courage, diversity, inclusion, and respect for all in the spirit of the Special Olympics.

Acting Sergeant J. Cristobal Robles will lead the San Fernando City team. “We are so excited to again be a part of this run. This is my second year as team leader and being a part of the Special Olympics Torch Run is a true honor. We can’t wait to see hundreds of school students, staff, residents, visitors and community members line the streets cheering us on as we support this great cause,” expressed Acting Sergeant Robles.

Chief Fabian Valdez said, “For more than four decades, law enforcement officers across the country and around the world have run with the Flame of Hope raising over \$1 billion to support Special Olympics and raise awareness for inclusion. We at the San Fernando Police Department are proud to support and be a part of this great cause.” Chief Valdez added, “Our City family is always excited about showing our support for the champions of Special Olympics who model courage, perseverance, and overcome challenges everyday as persons with disabilities. We support and embrace these outstanding athletes.”

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The public is encouraged come out and support the San Fernando City Team on Wednesday, June 5, 2024. Chief Valdez hopes the City's residents, students and members of the business community will line up along the Torch's path to support the "Team San Fernando" as they run in support of the Special Olympics.

For more information on the run or to donate to the running team, you may visit the Special Olympics Santa Clarita and Tri-Valley website at <http://fundraising.sosc.org/goto/sanfernandopd24>.

