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SPD to Participate in Special Olympics Louisiana Torch Run



The Shreveport Police Department is proud to once again partner with local law enforcement agencies and Special Olympics Louisiana for the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run. On Friday, May 2nd, officers will carry the “Flame of Hope” through the Shreveport-Bossier area to raise awareness for the Special Olympics Louisiana State Summer Games.

This local leg of the Torch Run is generously sponsored by Margaritaville Resort Casino in Bossier City. Law enforcement agencies from across the state will take part in this inspiring event that celebrates inclusion, strength, and support for our Special Olympics athletes.

Torch Run Kickoff Locations: EACH begin at 9:45

- East Side (Bossier City):
Agencies will meet at the Bossier Civic Center, Bossier City, LA 71111.
After lighting the “Flame of Hope,” officers will begin a 3-mile run.
- West Side (Shreveport):
Agencies will meet at the Caddo Correctional Center, 1101 Forum Dr., Shreveport, LA 71107.
Torch lighting and 3-mile run will begin

Joint Ceremony will be at 10:30

A joint proclamation ceremony with the Mayors of Shreveport and Bossier City will be held at:
Caddo Parish District Court
501 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA

After the ceremony, officers will continue the run for an additional seven miles, concluding at:
Walmart Neighborhood Market
1645 E. Bert Kouns Industrial Loop

Community Cheer Stations

Residents are encouraged to cheer on our officers at the following locations:

- Cheer Station #1 – Mile 3
Location: 3300 Youree Drive (E. Kings Hwy & Youree Dr. Parking Lot)
Estimated Time: 11:30 a.m.
- Cheer Station #2 – Mile 5
Location: Broadmoor Baptist Church, 4100 Youree Drive (Leo Ave & Youree Dr.)
Estimated Time: 11:50 a.m.
- Cheer Station #3 – Mile 6
Location: Chili's Grill & Bar, 6620 Youree Drive (E. 70th St & Youree Dr.)
Estimated Time: 12:05 p.m.

The Shreveport Police Department invites the community to line the route, show support, and help share the spirit of hope with our local and state Special Olympics athletes.

For media inquiries or more information, please contact:
Shreveport Police Department Public Information Office