

## What a start to 2018!



## Provincial Torch Run Workshop

### It's a Wrap!



Niagara Regional Police Service hosted the 2018 Provincial Torch Run Workshop in January, and it was a weekend to remember!

With inspiring athlete speeches, provincial awards and sharing plans for the coming year, we started 2018 strong.

[Read more here](#)



2018 Torch Run T-Shirts were modelled by our amazing athletes and are NOW AVAILABLE! Please email the [Torch Run Manager](#) to get some for your Service/Agency.

## Polar Plunge



# POLAR PLUNGE



FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS ONTARIO

BRRRR we have been #FreezinForAReason across the Province with 20 Polar Plunges complete and 1 final Plunge remaining in Owen Sound. Haven't had the chance to jump into frozen water glory? Register/donate now before its too late!

Last year, **over \$335,000 was raised** in the Plunges and we are on pace to beat that total for over 25,000 Special Olympics athletes in Ontario living with an intellectual disability.

Thank you to all event organisers, plungers, donors and sponsors for making this an amazing Polar Plunge season!



***BRRRR-ING IT ON!***

***#FreezinForAReason***

For all results, photos, videos  
and news releases please  
visit:

[www.PolarPlunge.ca](http://www.PolarPlunge.ca)

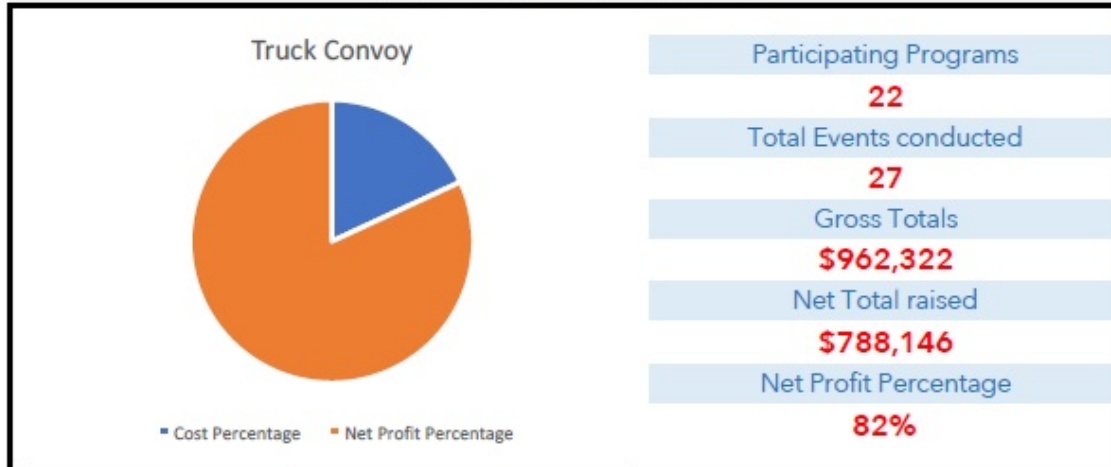
## **Did You Know ...**

ONTARIO ranked **3rd in the WORLD** last year for highest amount raised out of 27 Convoys... Thank you drivers, volunteers and sponsors for making us a truly amazing Convoy for Special Olympics.



# 2016 LETR FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

## TRUCK CONVOY



| TOP 5 PROGRAMS |
|----------------|
| WISCONSIN      |
| MISSOURI       |
| ONTARIO        |
| SOUTH DAKOTA   |
| NOVA SCOTIA    |

It doesn't end there! Ontario also ranked **5th in the world** in the "Other" category for our Endurance Series.

# 2016 LETR FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

## OTHER EVENTS



## TOP 5 PROGRAMS

**ARIZONA (Inmate Fundraising)**

**PENNSYLVANIA (Beaver Stadium Run)**

**MISSOURI (Gateway Golf Benefit)**

**CONNECTICUT (Dream Ride)**

**ONTARIO (Endurance Series)**

Amazing job and **thank you** to everyone who has helped build our world-class program!

**Thunder Bay Bocce Donations Inspire Special Olympics Athletes**



Local Special Olympics student athletes now have more opportunities to hone their bocce ball skills.

Members with Law Enforcement Torch Run Ontario (LETR) delivered bocce ball sets to various local elementary and high schools that participate in Special Olympics programs. The bocce ball purchases were the result of a LETR fundraising initiative last year.

"I'm really proud of (the athletes) and excited for them to have this opportunity," said Lauren Provenzano, a special education teacher with St. Patrick High School. "I really see them shine. It's creating that well-rounded student."

Paul Sebesta, a special needs teacher at Ecole Gron Morgon, echoes those sentiments.

[Read more here](#)

## 2018 Hamilton Police Games





On Thursday, February 22, 2018 Peel Police attended the annual Hamilton Indoor Police Games to compete in the Men's and Co-Ed sprint relay teams. The day was very successful with the Peel Co-Ed Team placing first in their event.

A \$250 prize was awarded to the winners to be donated to the charity of their choice - Special Olympics Ontario.

## 50th Anniversary Torch Run - Chicago Invitation

**SAVE THE DATE**

Special Olympics  
**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**  
CHICAGO

**JULY 2018**

Special Olympics  **50** 

The Illinois LETR would like to invite you to join us the morning of July 20, 2018 for the Special Olympics 50th Anniversary Torch Run Commemorative Run taking place in Chicago, IL. This 4 mile run will take place on Chicago Park District's bike path that

runs along Lake Michigan in downtown Chicago passes landmarks such as the Chicago Police Memorial, McCormack Place and a number of scenic beaches and harbors. Finally, the Commemorative Run will conclude by participants having the opportunity to run through Soldier Field as we deliver the Flame of Hope to the Eternal Flame ceremony.

[Read more here](#)

## Torch Run in the News



We are happy to announce that we have launched a blog for Torch Run Ontario - [The Guardian](#).

This is your opportunity to get on the mic and show off all your local events, share your Torch Run related stories and show us how much your community supports Special Olympics.

Send us pictures and a write-up and we'll get it on the blog and share it with the world.

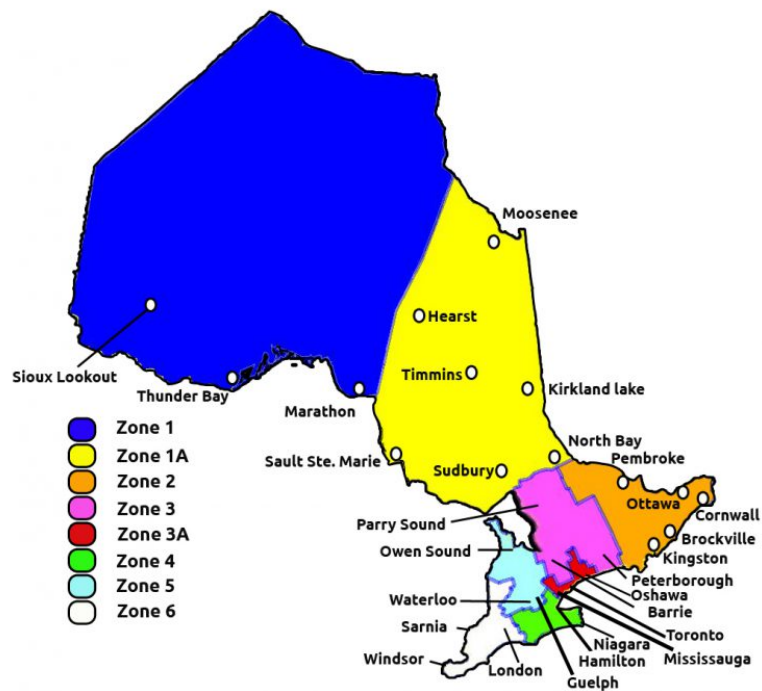
Just email all details to [carolyneallan@torchruntario.com](mailto:carolyneallan@torchruntario.com).

No event is too small, no story is too short. We can't wait to hear from you!

## Keep in Touch!

### LETR ZONE STRUCTURE





Did you know our Province is broken into 8 Zones (mirroring OACP Zone Structure) and each region has a Zone Coordinator(s).

The Zone Coordinators are responsible for the overall management and communication of their respective Zone and are in constant contact with Provincial Office and other duties include: financial management of the Zone, advise Operations Committee on activities within the Zone, promote Torch Run at OACP Zone Meetings, organise logistics, materials and moneys for the Zone, supply on-site route contacts for all runs within the Zone, encourage acquisition of Zone Sponsors and gather and report all zone statistically information to the Torch Run Director and Manager.

View the Provincial Torch Run Structure [HERE](#) including: Executive Committee, Operations Committee and Zone Coordinators.

We are always looking for interested members to join our committees, if interested or want to find out more please email the [Torch Run Manager](#).

## ARE YOU ON SOCIAL MEDIA?

Keep up with Torch Run Ontario! Catch our videos, view pictures of events across the province and find out what others are saying about us. We are on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and now we're on Flickr too!

If you want your Torch Run related event photos showcased on Torch Run's Flickr account, [email your photos](#) to us with a brief description of the event.

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