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SUBJECT: Port St. Lucie Police to host local Special Olympics Torch Run.

On **Friday, April 8, 2016**, the Port St. Lucie Police Department will host the Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics Florida. For the first time, Port St. Lucie Police will team up with the St. Lucie County Fire District. Each April, the “Flame of Hope” is carried by the Guardian of the Flame (i.e., law enforcement) and travels through each county in Florida. Over 100 participants from the Port St. Lucie Police Department and St. Lucie County Fire/Rescue will accompany Special Olympics Florida athletes over a three mile journey while carrying the lit “Flame of Hope” during the Torch Run in Port St. Lucie.

Torch Run will **begin at 5:00 PM** and should last no more than 45 minutes. This run starts at the **Publix located at 10400 SW Village Center Dr, Port St. Lucie**. We will run North on Village Parkway, **ending at the Publix at Verano located at 9335 Commerce Centre Dr, Port St. Lucie**. All participants will run together as a pack while carrying the torch; it is not a race/timed event. At the conclusion of the run, the runners and athletes of Special Olympics will congregate at the Publix to share their experiences of the event and enjoy food and refreshments courtesy of Publix.

The Port St. Lucie Police Department welcomes members of the Media to join us during this event where Special Olympics Athletes, police officers, and fire fighters will be on hand for interviews.