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Law Enforcement To Carry Torch For Special Olympics

Officers from the Wichita Police Department and other law enforcement agencies across the state will hold their annual Torch Run for Special Olympics this week, it was announced today.

“This statewide event began in Wichita 26 years ago,” said Community Affairs Officer Jason Dautrich. “Now, Special Olympics games are held in all 50 states and in 38 countries. The games worldwide begin each year with a law enforcement torch run.”

This year’s Summer Games for Special Olympics in Kansas will begin on Friday, June 1, said Dautrich.

“Runners from Sedgwick County will meet at City Hall at 3:30 p.m. on Friday. From there, they will be ferried to McConnell Air Force Base and Wichita Mid-Continent Airport to begin their run back to City Hall. All groups, including those from Sedgwick County and law enforcement agencies statewide, will meet at Wichita City Hall, Dautrich said.”

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At 6:30 p.m., a ceremony will be held to light the torch for the final run from City Hall to Cessna Stadium to celebrate the beginning of the Special Olympics games.

“Every year, law enforcement officers from around the world look forward to joining Special Olympians in their annual games,” said Dautrich. “The Law Enforcement Torch Run is a fitting tribute to these remarkable athletes who, like the torch itself, burn bright in our community.”

A map showing the routes the Sedgwick County runners will take is attached to this release.