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Media Release

Special Olympics Wisconsin athletes and community members will Run with the Cops on April 22, 2017 at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Registration for the event will begin at 6:30 p.m.

For the third year in a row, **Run with the Cops for Special Olympics Wisconsin** is coming to UW-Parkside. This fun night run allows for participants to illuminate the course with their flashing and glow items. Law enforcement vehicles will also be there to help light up the course with flashing blue and red lights. There will be a Kid's Dash starting at 8:30 p.m. followed by a 5k Run/Walk at 9:00 p.m. Throughout the night, law enforcement will have emergency vehicles to tour, police equipment to look at and a mock jail to take some fun photos.

Members of the Racine County Sheriff, UW Parkside Campus Police, Kenosha PD, Caledonia PD and the Law Enforcement Torch Run® have organized this event to unite the community and raise funds for Special Olympics Wisconsin athletes.

"This is an amazing course where runners and walkers of all abilities can join since it is a one mile loop. Participants will cross the finish line "glowing" from head to toe with glow necklaces, bracelets and more!" said Special Olympics Wisconsin's Regional Director of Development, Brittany Neukirchen.

Participants need only fundraise \$25 to participate in this unique event. Each runner/walker will receive a goodie bag and T-shirt. Sign-up at runwithcops.org to start collecting pledges from family, friends, neighbors, professors, employers, etc.

Special Olympics Wisconsin is proud to partner with Dunkin Donuts, Kwik Trip, University of Wisconsin Parkside Police, and Jimmy Johns to make this a special night.

About Special Olympics Wisconsin

SOWI is a statewide organization that unleashes the transformative power and joy of sports everyday around the world. Through work in sports, health, education, and community building, Special Olympics is addressing inactivity, injustice, intolerance, and social isolation by encouraging and empowering people with intellectual disabilities, leading to a more welcoming and inclusive society. With the support of coaches and volunteers, Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in 17 Olympic-type sports to nearly 10,000 individuals with intellectual disabilities. Join our online community by following us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)! For more information, visit SpecialOlympicsWisconsin.org or call (800) 552-1324.

About the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)

The LETR is a volunteer movement that was established by members of the law enforcement community to support Special Olympics. The mission of the LETR is to increase awareness and raise funds for the Special Olympics movement.

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