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Dexter, Missouri – The Missouri Police Chiefs Association is the founding law enforcement organization for Missouri's Torch Run for Special Olympics. What began in 1986, as a 30-mile run is now a four-day relay covering more than 950 miles with over 1,000 runners. This year represents the 28th running of the torch for Special Olympics in Missouri.

Each year local law enforcement do their part to carry "The Flame of Hope" as they make their way down Business 60 to Highway 25. Participating in this year's event from the Dexter Police Department were Officer Stephanie Credille, Detective Trevor Pulley, and Major Charles Sanders.

It's more than just a run through the streets of Dexter. It is a campaign to raise awareness and money for Special Olympics. Nearly 200 agencies and almost 7,000 officers work year-round to accomplish this goal. Their generosity lends to more than 16,000 athletes across the state.

Today, the Law Enforcement Torch Run is held in all 50 states and 48 countries around the world. The event raises over \$40 million annually.

For more information about the Special Olympics Missouri Law Enforcement Torch Run please contact Susan Stegeman, Vice President at 1-800-846-2682 or

to help locally contact Major Charles Sanders of the Dexter Police Department.

The final leg of the torch run was held in Columbia, Missouri on Missouri Avenue at the University of Missouri campus.

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