

2014 USA GAMES FINAL LEG

TEAM 1

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LETR FINAL LEG TEAM ONE

TEAM LEADER



MARYLAND

Jeff Spaulding

Westminster Police Department

Jeff Spaulding has been involved with the Law Enforcement Torch Run® for more than 27 years, starting first as a local Torch Runner and medal presenter, then becoming more involved within his Department, his County and now serving as the Central Region Coordinator for Maryland LETR. His "ah ha" Torch Run experience occurred when he had the privilege of rooming with Special Olympics athlete Chris Perrault from Connecticut for 12-days during the 2005 Final Leg in Nagano Japan. Jeff served as a support team member in Athens in 2011 and a leg leader in Korea in 2013. When not sitting on a Dunkin Donuts or jumping into freezing water to raise money for Special Olympics, Jeff can be found fishing, golfing (badly) or riding his Harley "Fat Boy".

SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETE



NEVADA

Michael Migliore

Matthew is 30 years of age and lives in Las Vegas. He loves to laugh & experience new things. He loves to talk about Major League Baseball - loves to talk about the major league players and their statistics. Matthew is always looking to lend a hand at Special Olympic Events and loves to work with the Law Enforcement Officer. Matthew is always available to lend a helping hand and once given an assignment he follows through with it to the end. Matthew has participated in all 4 Las Vegas Over The Edge Events - raising \$1,000.00 on each. he has also participated in Las Vegas Polar Plunges on a Law Enforcement Torch Run Team as well as running in all Nevada Final Legs in the Nevada LETR State Wide Run.

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TORCH RUNNER



NEW HAMPSHIRE

Sydney Barnes

Hillsborough County Department of Corrections

Sydney Barnes III is a Sergeant at the Hillsborough County Department of Corrections in New Hampshire. He has been involved with the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run since 2001. He has been married to Lisa for 14 years and has three children, Katie, Libby and Jackson. Running has always a major part of Syd's life, but it wasn't until he became involved with Special Olympics that his running took on a real purpose. When he runs now, he is doing it his family, his department and most importantly, the Special Olympics athletes. Their dedication, perseverance and pure enjoyment of their sports serve as an inspiration to him. He is truly grateful to have had the honor of representing the State of New Hampshire and the ability to participate in the Final Leg of the Torch Run and the Special Olympics USA Games.

TORCH RUNNER



OKLAHOMA

Terra Gibson

Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics

Terra Gibson is a Senior Agent and 15 year veteran with the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics. In 2007, she was assigned to OBN Headquarters, and started volunteering with the Special Olympics Oklahoma Law Enforcement Torch Run. Since attending her first LETR committee meeting in 2007, she has been appointed an At Large Representative and for the past two years has served as the Treasurer for the LETR Executive Board. In 2011, she led a team who raised money for a 24 hour Super Polar Plunge. Terra sincerely believes that the athletes' commitment to their chosen sports reflect the very heart of law enforcement. She admires how the athletes face obstacles in their lives with smiles on their faces and a winning attitude.

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HAWAII

Jason Grouns

Hawaii Police Department

Jason was hired by the Hawaii Police Department in 1999 and attended his first Torch Run that same year while still in recruit class. His participation in the Torch Run and other Special Olympics fundraising events continued throughout his career, although it wasn't until around 2008 that he was at a place in his career where he was able to devote more of his time towards Special Olympics. In 2010, Jason became the Hawaii Police Department's Special Olympics liaison and was placed in charge of the planning and organizing of all fundraising events including Cop-on-Top, Tip-a-Cop, Fueling Dreams and the "Troy Barboza" Law Enforcement Torch Run. Jason is currently assigned to the Administrative Services Division, is a member of the Crisis Negotiation Team and also serves as one of the Department's three Polygraph Examiners.

TORCH RUNNER



WEST VIRGINIA

David Heil

West Virginia State Police

Trooper Dave Heil has been employed with the West Virginia State Police for eleven years and is currently assigned to Jefferson County West Virginia. Dave is a twenty year Navy veteran and prior to his employment with The West Virginia State Police, Dave served four years as a State Trooper with the Utah Highway Patrol. In addition to his regular duties as a Trooper, Dave is also assigned to the West Virginia State Police Crime Scene Response Team and is also a Certified Radar/Lidar Instructor with the Department. When he is not working, Dave is an avid runner and has completed five marathons and several half marathons. Dave also enjoys competing in area charity runs.

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ALASKA

Jimmy Johnson

United States Marshals Service

Jimmy grew up with a big family in Missoula, Montana. He is one of 6 Johnson kids and truly enjoyed the blessings of growing up in a big family. College and work took Jimmy of Montana. He met his wife, Rashae, while in college in North Dakota and traveled all over the US with the Marshals Service, having five kids of his own along the way. His son Spencer is 8, daughter Annika is 6, son Bridger is 5, son Kyler is 3 and son Xavier is 1... the Johnson home can be a zoo sometimes but he wouldn't trade it for the world. Living in Alaska the Johnson family are are heavily involved in sports and look for any excuse to get outside and into Mother Nature, especially during the amazing Alaska summers

TORCH RUNNER



NORTH DAKOTA

Travis Nelson

North Dakota Highway Patrol

Travis Nelson is a trooper with the North Dakota Highway Patrol, joining in 2007. He was born and raised in North Dakota and is currently stationed in Grand Forks where he is also a crash reconstructionist. His wife, Kristen, is a registered nurse and works in the ICU at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks.

Travis has been working with Special Olympics since 2010. He participated in the Polar Plunge that year and became a committee member for the Polar Plunge in 2011. He enjoys being on the committee and helping out such a great organization.

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WISCONSIN

Nick Stachula

West Allis Police Department

In his fourteen years of law enforcement service, Nick have been a patrol officer on 3rd shift, a Detective in the Criminal Investigations Bureau, a Detective in the Special Investigations Unit, a Training Coordinator, the President of our local Union, a SWAT / Crisis Response Unit Operator, a SWAT / Crisis Response Unit Sniper and a SWAT / Crisis Response Unit Team Leader. He has seen the good, the bad and the ugly. Nick has had many unforgettable moments over the past fourteen years of his life, including being a victim of an assault where he was shot multiple times. He has overcome unthinkable injuries. Nick has been a husband, a father, a role model, a coach. He has been loved, hated, and ignored. Even with all the life experiences he has through, he still looks up to every Special Olympics Athlete as his hero. In his own words, "Thank you for keeping me grounded."

TORCH RUNNER



NEVADA

Barbara Stapleton

Nevada Highway Patrol

Barbara Stapleton comes from a family of 5 and is a second generation Mexican in America. She has a son who is currently in the US Marines. She lives her life with with honor, integrity and a strong sense of values. Barbara enjoys her time as a volunteer for Special Olympics and tries to do her best to help raise more funds to better serve the athletes. She has worked in law enforcement for the past 12 years and enjoys having the ability to help the people in her community each and every day. Barbara is most proud to say that she is the State LETR Representative for the Nevada Highway Patrol.

Barbara considers it to be the utmost honor to be able to run the Final Leg of the Torch Run!!!

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ALABAMA

Darius Trumer

Birmingham Police Department

Darius is a native of Birmingham, Alabama and grew up with the mindset of always wanting to help people. At the age of 17, he joined the United States Navy. He proudly served for 22 years before retiring on December 31, 2005. Since then, he has enjoyed finding an opportunity to give back to his community and he is honored to be able to participate in the Final Leg.

Darius is the youngest of five children and has three children, two girls and a boy himself.