

2014 USA GAMES FINAL LEG

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LETR FINAL LEG TEAM SIX

TEAM LEADER



VIRGINIA

Scott Carter

Hanover County Sheriff's Office

Scott Carter served for over 25 years with the Hanover County Sheriff's Office before retiring in 2013. He is currently working for the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond Law Enforcement Unit.

Throughout his many years in law enforcement, he has made his commitment, hard work and dedication to the Law Enforcement Torch Run visible in his own community, region and across the Commonwealth of Virginia. He began running in the Torch Run 24 years ago. He served as the Sheriff's Office liaison for 14 years and as liaison for the Region Director several times. He has served as a member of the Virginia LETR Executive Counsel. In 2010, he was inducted into the Virginia LETR Hall of Fame. He was selected as Virginia's LETR Final Leg Runner for the 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETE



DELAWARE

Antonio Bowe

Although Antonio and his brother Michael both have autism, they live together independently and each holds their own job. Antonio works as a utility clerk at a SuperFresh grocery store. He has worked there for over 14 years. Antonio is physically fit and loves to run long distances. He trains by running four times per week and complements his workout at the YMCA, either swimming or lifting weights. In addition to Special Olympics competitions, Antonio also competes in several 5K and 10K road races in the local community. For the past 18 years, Antonio has participated in Delaware's LETR Kick-Off Ceremony. This tradition began when Antonio first started running with his "then coach" Corporal Danny Hall of the Delaware State Police. Corporal Hall is now Lieutenant Hall and will be representing Delaware as a Support Team member for the 2014 Final Leg.



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TORCH RUNNER



COLORADO

Todd Dahlbach

Broomfield Police Department

Todd Dahlbach is 41 years old and currently lives in Thornton Colorado. Todd works for the Broomfield Police Department outside Denver Colorado and has been there almost 8 years. Todd was born in Atlanta GA and spent much of his childhood in Tamps FL before moving to Colorado with his family in the late 80's. Todd attended college in Texas and Colorado before joining the Marine Corps and getting the opportunity to travel the world as a Marine Corps Scout Sniper. He is married and has three children ages 9, 11 and 20. Todd spends most of his free time working with youth sports as a coach or with his family enjoying the outdoors and the beautiful mountains of Colorado. Todd is passionate about the Special Olympics and is excited to be a part of the 2014 USA Games.

TORCH RUNNER



VERMONT

Jack Harris

Lyndonville Police Department

Chief Jack Harris has been a member of the Law Enforcement and LETR Community's for over twenty four years. In 1989 Jack was hired as a member of the Middletown Police Department. He participated in his first Law Enforcement Torch Run in 1989. During his time with the Middletown Police Department, Jack was an original member of the Community Oriented Policing Squad working in the low income housing projects. Jack next received an assignment with the Street Crime Unit working as an undercover officer in the drug field. After eight years as an undercover officer, Jack became a K-9 officer for the department. In 2003, Jack was hired and relocated to Lyndonville Vermont where he started the police department there and has held the rank of Chief since. In 2012 he was named Executive Director for the LETR in Vermont.

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TORCH RUNNER



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

John Hohmann

Scotts Valley Police Department

John has been with the Scotts Valley Police Department since 1983. He has worked patrol, motors, investigations, training, and was promoted to Sergeant and retired as a Lieutenant on December 2, 2013 after a 30 year career. John has decided to stay on with his department as a Reserve Police Officer and to stay on the Executive Committee for the Northern California Law Enforcement Torch Run. John is married to his wife Stephanie and they have two children, Jessie (13) and Preston (11). John has two older children, Vincent (26) and Leigh (23). John's passions include motorcycle riding, running, woodworking, gardening and Special Olympics. John has been very involved with the Torch Run. He attends the Summer Games every year. He has attended several international conferences and raised thousands of dollars for the athletes.

TORCH RUNNER



WYOMING

Matthew Koritnik

Lovell Police Department

Chris grew up in Olathe Kansas. His parents taught him at a young age the importance of becoming involved in community events. Chris began his law enforcement career in October of 2005 at the Pittsburg Police Department. Chris is FTO, Dare Officer, Team Leader for the departments Special Response Team, less lethal instructor and car seat technician. Chris is currently serving as a patrol sergeant. Chris is the regional coordinator for Southeast Kansas as well as his departments coordinator. Chris also sits on the Kansas LETR Executive Council. Chris is married to his wife of 9 years, Trisha. They have 2 wonderful children; Scott and Levi.

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PENNSYLVANIA

Lisa Layden

Southwestern Regional Police Department

Lisa has been with Southwestern Regional Police since 1996. She currently holds the position of Detective Sergeant. Lisa is responsible for investigating major crimes, and overseeing all other reported crimes. When she is not on duty, Lisa enjoys being in the outdoors with her dog, running and taking in local art events. She has two sons; Tod, an artist living in Ohio, and Andy who is nearing college graduation.

Lisa participated as a runner in Pennsylvania's LE Torch Run in 2013, and attended the annual conference where she participated in the 5K walk/run and golf tournament. This experience greatly inspired her to increase her involvement in Special Olympics.

TORCH RUNNER



ILLINOIS

Cherese Spears

Oswego Police Department

Cherese Spears is 32 years old and lives in her hometown of Yorkville, Illinois. She lives with her mother and three amazing animals. Bella, a German Shepard Dog, Grace and Pirate - their two kittens. Cherese went to Waubensee Community College where she graduated with an Associate Degree in Applied Science. She began her career as a Police Officer for Oswego Police Department in 2003 when she was 21 years old. She graduated from Benedictine University with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. Cherese has been involved with the Torch Run since 2003, and prior to that, she volunteered with the local Special Olympic organizations. I enjoy horse riding and compete in the local fun rodeos in our area.

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TORCH RUNNER



RHODE ISLAND

Brent Wilks

Rhode Island State Police

Brent Wilks is a Rhode Island State Trooper from Providence, RI where he works in the uniform division. Brent grew up with a sincere admiration for those who serve as State Troopers and strived to join their ranks. After achieving this precious dream, Brent began to find ways to serve Rhode Islanders beyond a protective capacity. Special Olympics soon became his favorite and most rewarding way to do so. Brent has a deep appreciation for the outstanding relationships between the athletes and members of law enforcement. Having had the privilege to attend the 2012 and 2013 LETR International Conferences, several State Summer Games, and a wide variety of other LETR fundraisers, Brent is honored and humbled to have been asked to run in the Final Leg. He is beyond proud of the athletes who constantly train to be and truly are, the very best in the USA

TORCH RUNNER



MINNESOTA

David Williams

Olmsted County Sheriff's Office

David Williams is 29 years old and happily married to his wife with 3 boys' ages: 8, 5 and 4 months. He has been working as a Deputy Sheriff in the Patrol Division for the Olmsted County Sheriff's Office for the past six years. As a Deputy he is also a member of the Rochester Police/Olmsted County joint Emergency Response Unit and the joint Forensic Mapping Unit.

When David is not at work you can find him spending time with his family. He likes to go camping and enjoy the outdoors. David races in several triathlons a year and competed in his first Ironman in Louisville, KY in August 2013. If David is not training or spending time with his family he enjoys volunteering his time with one of several organizations he is passionate toward, especially the Special Olympics.