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Newport Police Department Raising Dollars for Special Olympics

Law Enforcement Officers will be working with Dutch Brothers Coffee, Abby's Pizza, and Lincoln County Special Olympics to raise awareness and funding for local Athletes with disabilities

Newport Oregon – The Newport Police Department is teaming up with Dutch Brothers Coffee and Abby's Pizza in Newport to raise money for Lincoln County Special Olympics. During July and August, law enforcement agents will become "celebrity servers," and assist in serving, bussing, greeting, and talking to diners about the Special Olympics. The Newport Police Department is a regular participant of the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) program, which is a year-round effort to raise funds for, and promote awareness of, Special Olympics Oregon. Athletes from Lincoln County will join the LETR fundraisers at Abby's Pizza and Dutch Brothers Coffee in Newport to raise money for both the local and state program of Special Olympics Oregon. The "tips" received by officers will go directly to Special Olympics Oregon, and used to provide training and competition opportunities to athletes with developmental disabilities.

"This is a great opportunity for the community and law enforcement to help support our local Special Olympic Athletes." Sgt. Ken Real

The Season will kick off with the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run on 07/13/2011 at 10:00 a.m.. Officers and Special Olympic Athletes will run from the Wal-Mart parking lot in north Newport to South Beach State Park to help bring awareness and understanding to our community. Runners will be escorted by an NPD vehicle and by Bike Patrol Officers. Businesses, families, and individuals may sponsor the runners by making monetary pledges. Donations made by made directly to Sgt. Real any time during the run. Any person pledging \$10 or more will receive a Certificate of Appreciation along with a photograph of past runners.

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