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To whom it may concern,

The Ramsey Police Department and the men & women of the Ramsey Police Officer's Benevolent Association Local 155 have a long tradition of participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. This year, for the first time, we are welcoming runners from the community to run with us. We would like to take this opportunity to invite runners from your organization and our community to participate in the event.

In 1982, the late Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police Officer Steven Vitale was asked to take photos at a local Special Olympics competition in New Jersey. He was so moved by the determination exhibited by the athletes that he asked other police officers to volunteer at the Summer Games. In 1984, the first New Jersey Torch Run was conceived to raise funds and public awareness for the Special Olympics New Jersey program. The course ran from Liberty State Park in Jersey City to Rutgers Stadium in New Brunswick through eight towns covering 43 miles and raising \$7,000. In each succeeding year, the dollar amount became greater and the number of volunteers increased substantially. Today over \$2M is raised annually by more than 3,000 officers through local and statewide events including the Law Enforcement Torch Run as part of the annual Summer Games in June. It is important to know that 100% of the funds raised are for the benefit of the Athletes who participate with New Jersey Special Olympics.

The 2011 Torch Run for Special Olympics will be held on FRIDAY JUNE 10th and begins at 6:45 am. Our leg of the run starts at ShopRite where we will receive the torch from the Mahwah Police and continues into Upper Saddle River where we will pass the torch to members of the Upper Saddle River Police. It is approximately a 3.5 mile run at a moderate pace aided by police escort.

For more information about this event, contact Sergeant Richard Falotico or Patrolman Anthony Fiore at the Ramsey Police Department by calling 201-327-2602 or by email at RamseyPBA@gmail.com.