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Members of the Winchester Police Department are once again participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. The purpose of this event is to engage law enforcement worldwide championing acceptance and inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities, starting first with our own community. Law enforcement members and Special Olympics athletes carry the "Flame of Hope" into the Opening Ceremony of the State Special Olympic competitions. The "Flame of Hope," symbolizes courage and celebration of diversity uniting communities around the globe.

The Winchester Police portion of the run is scheduled for Thursday June 1st 2023, and is expected to start at approximately 11:00 AM. Officers will begin at the Rowley Street Skate Park, run westbound on Willow Street, northbound onto Bridge Street, eastbound on Main Street (Route 44), and continue all the way to Stop and Shop on New Hartford Road. There the torch will be passed to the Connecticut State Police (Troop B North Canaan).

Officers participating in this year's event include: Chief Chris Ciuci, Officer Dan Pietrafesa, Sergeant Mark Blanchette, Sergeant Kim Boyne, Officer Brandon Simmons, Officer Joy Hubbard, Officer Abdullah Davranmakel and Officer Rudy David.

We hope you will come out to show your support and anyone who wishes to make a donation to the Special Olympics Connecticut can do so via the following link: https://give.soct.org/winchesterpd

