**Special Olympics Wisconsin**

**Law Enforcement Torch Run®**

**Volunteer of the Year Award**

***PAST INDUCTEES:***

2015 – Investigator Peter Jakowski, Onalaska Police Department

2014 – Officer Craig Kopatz, Marinette Police Department

2013 – Officer Kurt Wege, City of Madison Police Department

2012 – Deputy Zak Albrecht, Marinette County Sheriff’s Office

2011 – Officer Nichelle Nelson, Waukesha Police Department

2010 – Deputy Robert Shaffer, Retired, Dane County Sheriff’s Office

2009 – Officer Michael Riemer, Racine Police Department

2008 – Officer Andy Dewitt, Wisconsin Rapids Police Department

2007 – Deputy Jerry Frank, Vernon County Sheriff’s Office

2006 – Officer Bob Roeske, Rothschild Police Department

2005 – Officer Greg Koentopp, North Fond du Lac Police Department

***PURPOSE***: The Special Olympics Wisconsin Law Enforcement Volunteer of the Year Award was created to recognize outstanding officers who have committed herself or himself to the mission of Special Olympics Wisconsin as evidenced by the officer’s participation and leadership in Law Enforcement Torch Run® or Special Olympics events.

***SELECTION***: An individual, a law enforcement agency or a Special Olympics Program may submit nominations. All nominations should include a completed nomination form that is provided in this packet. There may be more than one inductee per year, to provide for the growing number of quality nominees.

***CRITERIA***: The nominee’s involvement must demonstrate a **sustained and significant contribution** to the achievement of the mission of Special Olympics. Areas of consideration include outstanding achievement in program development, organization, fundraising success and volunteerism.

Nominee must be a WPPA member in good standing OR one of the following:

1. Past WPPA member who has taken 'normal retirement'.
2. Past WPPA member who has taken disability retirement.
3. Past WPPA member promoted out of the bargaining unit.
4. Past member who has left her/his department in good standing prior to retirement to seek outside employment, political office or appointment.
5. Past WPPA member as a result of Act 19.

***PROCESS***: Nomination forms must be postmarked no later than **February 29, 2016** and sent to:

Julie Drake

Director of Development, Law Enforcement Torch Run®

Special Olympics Wisconsin

2310 Crossroads Dr., Suite 1000, Madison, WI 53718

Phone: (608) 442-5668 / Fax: (608) 222-3578

JDrake@specialolympicswisconsin.org

All nominations are sent to the Selections Committee.

All nominees will be notified with the inductee(s) being announced at the Awards Banquet of the 2016 WPPA Convention on April 23, 2016.

All nominees will receive a letter of recognition from the Chair of the Selections Committee in honor of their nomination with a copy to the nominee’s agency.

**Special Olympics Wisconsin Law Enforcement Torch Run® Volunteer of the Year Award**

***2016 Nomination Form***

**Nominee Information:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Rank/Title and Name of Nominee: |  |
| Phone (day): |  |
| Fax: |  |
| Law Enforcement Agency: |  |
| Business Address: |  |
| City, State & Zip: |  |
| E-mail Address: |  |
| Nominee’s Supervisor’s Name, E-mail and Phone Number: |  |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | **How many years has the nominee been involved with the Torch Run/Special Olympics?** |  |
| 2. | **Please list the nominee's** **involvement with the Torch Run OR Special Olympics Wisconsin. Please be specific and highlight activities, positions held, accomplishments, length of service, money raised, sponsors acquired, athletes served, etc**. |  |
| 3. | **What impact has this person had on furthering the mission of Special Olympics?** |  |
| 4. | **Please list any other information you believe the selection committee should know about the nominee.** |  |

**Person Completing This Form:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Your Name: |  |
| Law Enforcement Agency/Organization: |  |
| Phone (day): |  |
| Fax: |  |
| E-mail Address: |  |
| Street Address |  |
| City, State, Zip: |  |

Nominations must be postmarked **no later than February 29, 2016** and sent to:

Julie Drake

Director of Development, Law Enforcement Torch Run®

Special Olympics Wisconsin

2310 Crossroads Drive, Suite 1000, Madison, WI 53718

Phone: (608) 442-5668 / Fax: (608) 222-3578

JDrake@specialolympicswisconsin.org