



**Wisconsin LETR
Dale Brunner
Hall of Fame
Award**


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In 1986, when the Torch Run began in Wisconsin, Dale Brunner ignited a spark among law enforcement officers to spread awareness of individuals with intellectual disabilities and raise money to support the athletes of Special Olympics Wisconsin. That eternal flame burns with even more vigor today.

Dale was a US Army Veteran with the 82nd Airborne “Red Devils”, a Milwaukee Police Officer for 31 years and served as a Washington County Sheriff’s Deputy for 10 years. His passion for his family and children lead to his devotion to charitable work. Most notably, Dale served as the first director of the Law Enforcement Torch Run® (LETR) for Special Olympics Wisconsin from 1986 through 1999. In February 1992, Dale was one of 11 inaugural inductees into the International Richard LaMunyon Hall of Fame, named for the founder of the Torch Run, the Hall of Fame is the most prestigious award given in the Torch Run community.

In 1999, the inaugural Wisconsin Law Enforcement Torch Run Dale Brunner Hall of Fame award was presented. This award was created to recognize Wisconsin’s outstanding law enforcement volunteers and Special Olympics staff who have significantly contributed to the statewide success of Wisconsin’s Torch Run. It is an honor bestowed on those participants who have gone above and beyond the normal call of duty in their efforts to enhance the Torch Run and its support of Special Olympics Wisconsin’s mission.

On August 12, 2014, sadly Dale passed away after a very courageous battle with brain cancer. A Final Leg run was held in his honor.



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The Wisconsin Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) Dale Brunner Hall of Fame Award recognizes outstanding individuals who have significantly contributed to the statewide success of the LETR for Special Olympics Wisconsin.

2016 Inductees

Richard Dressler, Retired, Grant County Sheriff's Office
Matthew Harper, Winneconne Police Department & SOWI
Sara Knapp, Shiocton Police Department
Dean Wendlandt, Sheboygan Police Department

2015 Inductees

Andrew J. Dewitt, Wisconsin Rapids Police Department
David Kleinhans, Department of Justice
Robert Roeske, Retired, Rothschild Police Department



Chief Richard LaMunyon, Founder of the Law Enforcement Torch Run®, with Dale Brunner, Wisconsin's first LETR Director

For a list of all Wisconsin LETR Hall of Fame inductees, go to
<http://www.specialolympicswisconsin.org/get-involved/law-enforcement-torch-run/>

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 one or more inductees per year, to provide for the growing number of quality applicant and/or nominees. The Selections Committee determines the decision as to the number of inductees and the selection.

CRITERIA:

The nominee's involvement shall demonstrate a **sustained and significant contribution** to the achievement of the goals of the Law Enforcement Torch Run®. The minimum requirements for this award are at least five (5) years of participation with the Torch Run, achievement in program development, organization and fund raising success. *(We recognize our athletes in numerous ways, including leadership awards such as the Mike Schulte Athlete Leadership Award and the Special Olympics Male and Female athlete of the year's awards; therefore they are not eligible for this award.)*

PROCESS:

Nominees whom are not selected will remain in consideration for one (1) additional year (total of 2 years – year nominated plus one year). Supportive nominee information may be supplied each year. At the end of two (2) years, nominees' files will be removed unless re-nominated using the current year's nomination form.

All nominations or inductees will be kept confidential with inductees being announced at the Law Enforcement Torch Run® Celebration Party on Thursday, June 8, 2017 in Stevens Point.

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.

All 2017 Nomination Forms must be e-mailed by 5:00 P.M. on Friday, April 14, 2017 to both:

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To help in completing this form, feel free to contact the Regional Director of Development highlighted below, in the Region of the state the nominee is from, for additional information.



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Nomination Application

NOMINEE			
Nominee's Name: <small>Include rank if applicable</small>			
Address: <small>Street City/State/Zipcode</small>			
Phone: <small>Work Cell</small>		Email:	
Law Enforcement Agency and/or Special Olympics Region:			
Nominee's Supervisor's Name, E-mail and Phone number			

NOMINATOR			
Nominator's Name:			
Address: <small>Street City/State/Zipcode</small>			
Phone: <small>Work Cell</small>		Email:	
Law Enforcement Agency and/or Special Olympics Region:			

Nomination Application

The nominee's involvement must demonstrate a sustained and significant contribution to the achievement of the goals of the Law Enforcement Torch Run. The minimum requirements for this award are at least five years of participation with the Torch Run, achievement in program development, organization and fundraising success.

Please answer each of the questions below to highlight activities, length of service, contributions, accomplishments, money raised, sponsors acquired, and volunteerism positions held by your nominee. Please be specific and provide examples as necessary. Use additional space if needed.

1. How many years has the nominee been involved with the Law Enforcement Torch Run?

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2. Identify the nominee s demonstrated comprehensive, outstanding achievement in Law Enforcement Torch Run development, organization and fund raising success at the local and, state level. Please be specific and provide examples as necessary.

3. List the nominee s specific acts of demonstrated exceptional leadership, commitment and dedication that have made a significant impact on furthering the mission of the Law Enforcement Torch Run at the local and state levels. Please be specific and highlight activities, positions held, and accomplishments supported by examples as necessary.

4. List the nominee s involvement with Special Olympics (coaching athletes, Unified Partner, etc.). Please be specific and highlight activities, positions held, and accomplishments supported by examples as necessary.

5. List the nominee s National or International involvement, if any. Please be specific and highlight activities, events attended, positions held, and accomplishments supported by examples as necessary.

6. List any other information you believe the selection committee should know about the nominee.

Remember

For the nominee to be considered, the completed nomination application must be received no later than **5:00 P.M. on Friday, April 14, 2017** and accompanied by:

1. Two (2) letters of support from people who have worked closely with the nominee.
2. Four (4) to six (6) digital photos in high resolution quality

E-mail all nomination materials by **5:00 P.M. on April 14, 2017** to both:

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