



THE CITY OF SAN DIMAS WELCOMES “THE FLAME OF HOPE,” BEING CARRIED BY AN INTERNATIONAL TEAM OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ON IT’S WAY TO THE OPENING CEREMONIES AT THE LOS ANGELES COLISEUM FOR THE 2015 SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD GAMES

The Flame serves as beacon of inspiration to thousands during the Law Enforcement Torch Run Final Leg in California

SAN DIMAS, CA— On July 19TH, 2015, the Flame of Hope, the official torch for the Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles 2015, will be carried through the city of San Dimas, with a ceremony to be held at the San Dimas Senior Center, 201 E. Bonita Avenue, San Dimas at 11:10 a.m.

Speaking at the ceremony will be Curt Morris, Mayor of San Dimas, and Special Olympic athlete and Final Leg runner William Corse of Florida, a Special Olympics athlete, and Lo Hyun Park, from the Republic of Korea as the Torch Runner.

Please join the City of San Dimas in welcoming the law enforcement officers who serve as the Guardians of the Flame of Hope and the Special Olympic athletes as they participate in the Law Enforcement Torch Run Final Leg. Law Enforcement officers and Special Olympic athletes are selected by their respective Special Olympics programs to be one of the 126 Final Leg Team members based on their dedication and commitment to the Special Olympics movement.

Projected APPROXIMATE schedule of events:

10:50 a.m. – Bus arrives near “Fresh and Easy,” Bonita Avenue at San Dimas Canyon Road

10:55 a.m. – Short welcome speech by Captain Duane Harris, San Dimas Station

11:00 a.m. – Runners depart for Senior Center, westbound Bonita Avenue

11:07 a.m. – Runners arrive at Senior Center. Speeches by mayor, athletes, participants.

11:40 a.m. – Runners depart Senior Center, run westbound Bonita Avenue through downtown to Cataract Avenue

Community members are encouraged to join the celebration alongside law enforcement to express support for these athletes! Throughout the journey of the Final Leg, law enforcement officers from around the world will be spreading the message of acceptance and inclusion for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

The Flame of Hope will complete its journey on July 25, 2015, when the Law Enforcement Torch Run Final Leg team carries it into the Opening Ceremony of the 2015 World Games, and it ignites the cauldron at the historic Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, site of the 1932 and '84 Olympics Opening Ceremony. The public will be able to see daily photographs, videos and read reports of the Flame of Hope’s journey online at: www.LETR-FinalLeg.org and on social with #FinalLeg2015 on Facebook and @LETRforSO on Twitter.

For more information on the 2015 Special Olympics World Games, including volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, visit www.LA2015.org and on social with #ReachUpLA on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.