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Media Release

2014 Special Olympics Nevada Summer Games Taking Place on May 31 in Reno

The annual Summer Games for the athletes who participate in the Special Olympics Nevada program will be held in Reno on Saturday, May 31, at the University of Nevada-Reno. The event will involve several hundred athletes from around the Silver State who will compete in aquatics and track & field events that day. Law enforcement officers and other public safety officials will be volunteering their time interacting with the athletes and will assist with the official awards ceremony after each scheduled event.

Prior to the actual fun-filled day of competition, several law enforcement agencies and fellow athletes will participate in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) on Friday evening near the university as part of the official welcoming ceremony at Mackay Stadium. This year's opening ceremony will be emceed by Dreu Murin from the Reno Bighorns and co-emceed by athlete Paul Brooks of Las Vegas. The event will conclude near 9:00 pm with the lighting of the official cauldron which symbolizes the games are officially declared open.

The fast paced and exciting weekend will conclude on Sunday with the annual "Cops & Burgers" fundraiser being held at Victorian Plaza from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm. The festivities will include a classic car show, law enforcement vehicle and equipment displays, and fresh grilled hamburgers for lunch. All of the money raised will stay here in northern Nevada and will support the athletes in their training and sporting activities. At last year's "Cops & Burgers" we raised over 16,000 dollars and we have set a goal to reach 20,000 dollars this year.

Weekend Agenda:

Friday's Opening Ceremonies at Mackay Stadium: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Saturday's Field Events: 8:30 am – 11:00 am

Saturday's Track Events: 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Saturday's Aquatic Competition: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Sunday's Cops & Burgers at Victorian Plaza: 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

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