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New Mexico Law Enforcement agencies begin 1,600 mile State Relay Run for Special Olympics

New Mexico, May 19: The 2025 New Mexico Law Enforcement Torch Run (NMLETR) program for Special Olympics ***State Relay Run*** kicks off today and will continue throughout the state until the Final Leg on Friday, May 30 in Albuquerque. During the annual State Relay Run, hundreds of law enforcement and public safety personnel from a variety of municipal, county, fire rescue, tribal, and state/federal agencies will carry the Flame of Hope Torch throughout New Mexico while raising funds and awareness for Special Olympics New Mexico.

"Law enforcement agencies across our state gather proudly to carry the Flame of Hope torch, rekindling our commitment to raising awareness about the needs and incredible abilities of our Special Olympics athletes," says LETR State Director Sgt. Travis Spruell of the Farmington Police Department. "To be on the frontlines of such an inspiring cause is one of the most honorable service to be a part of for our law enforcement community."

Deemed "Guardians of the Flame of Hope," these public safety officers—along with friends and family members— will run and bike across a total of 1,600 miles of New Mexico roads and highways culminating at the 2025 Special Olympics New Mexico State Summer Games in Albuquerque on Friday, May 30. The State Relay Run starts at each corner of New Mexico: Farmington, Taos, Carlsbad, and Las Cruces. From these starting points the torch is passed from one local law enforcement agency to the next, making its way into Albuquerque.

State Relay Run "Leg" Routes and Dates:

View State Relay Run Routes: <https://sonm.org/letr-resources/state-relay-run-info/>

- **May 19-May 30:** The Southwestern torch is carried from Las Cruces to Albuquerque
- **May 19-May 30:** The Southeastern torch is carried from Carlsbad & Lovington (through Moriarty) to Albuquerque
- **May 27-30:** The Northwestern torch is carried from Farmington (through Gallup) to Albuquerque
- **May 19-May 30:** The Northeastern torch is carried from Taos to Albuquerque
- **May 30:** The Final Leg torch is carried into the 2025 State Summer Games located at the UNM Track & Field and Soccer Complex in Albuquerque

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About Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics New Mexico:



The New Mexico Law Enforcement Torch Run is a community-building organization that promotes and empowers New Mexico law enforcement agencies to raise awareness and funds year-round for Special Olympics New Mexico –while providing opportunities, encouragement, and hope to SONM athletes and families in the process. In New Mexico, LETR is proudly sponsored by our community partners: Albertsons, Latitudes, Bernalillo County, N2MIS (Los Alamos), New Mexico True, Chili’s, Chavez Grieves Consulting, Advance Auto Parts, Brycon Construction, and Old Town Catering

For more information about the New Mexico Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics visit www.sonm.org or call 505.856.0342.

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