

Editor's note: The attached photo is of New Smyrna Beach Interim Police Chief Mike Brouillette (left) and Motor Officer Mike Delahanty who is organizing the t-shirt/hat sale to benefit Special Olympics.

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NSB police raising funds for Special Olympics; T-shirts/hats available

When hundreds of children and adults participate in the annual Special Olympics Florida State Summer Games this spring, New Smyrna Beach residents will know they helped to support the athletes. The New Smyrna Beach Police Departments is selling t-shirts and hats to raise money to support the games.

"All of the proceeds from sales will benefit Special Olympics," said Mike Brouillette, Interim Police Chief. "It's a cause that's dear to the law enforcement community here in New Smyrna Beach and across Florida."

Hats are \$10. T-shirts are \$12. If purchased together, they are \$20 and are available at the New Smyrna Beach Police Department, 246 Industrial Avenue.

"Florida is the second highest fundraiser for Special Olympics worldwide," Brouillette said. "We expect to continue that tradition as we raise money again this year."

Brouillette said New Smyrna Beach also has the honor this year to be the starting point for the Special Olympics Torch Run April 10. Law enforcement officers from around Volusia County will begin the torch run at 9 a.m. from 120 N. Causeway. From the Causeway, runners will travel south on Riverside Drive, west on Canal Street and south on U.S. 1 to Edgewater. The run ends at Hawk's Park at 1108 S. Ridgewood Ave., Edgewater.

"It's an honor for New Smyrna Beach to be chosen as the county's starting point," Brouillette said. The format of the race is different this year. Instead of running separate

legs, all agencies will run the four-mile trek together beginning in New Smyrna Beach's Waterfront LOOP.

The Edgewater Police Department is organizing the 2013 Torch Run, Brouillette said.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics is an annual statewide event, Brouillette said. More than 5,000 officers carry the torch on a 1,500-mile relay through 66 counties. The intrastate torch relay will start March 25 and culminate at the Special Olympics Florida State Summer Game's opening ceremonies May 17.

For more information on purchasing a fundraising item, please call the New Smyrna Beach Police Department at 386.424.2220.

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