

Law Enforcement Torch Run Torch Run Leg Approval Form



Route selection for the Torch Run is very important for the success of the event. **Of primary importance, the route should provide safe running for the Torch Runner.** Also important is to aim for the highest visibility of the Torch Runner while attempting to keep any interference with the normal traffic flow to a minimum. Be sure to prepare route maps with directions and a time schedule for all those involved in the Torch Run and local media. Distribute them in advance and confirm all involved parties have the information. In many cases, destination, safe hand-off locations, time factors or safety considerations limit route selection.

Name: _____ Agency: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Proposed date: _____ *(date must coincide with other Torch Run legs in area)*

Starting Location & Time: _____ Ending Location & Time: _____

Route (include towns running through): _____

- Run from a significant location (premier sponsor location, state border or capital, historic site etc)
- Pick a route that allows for a ceremonial kick-off or a Mayor's proclamation presentation along the way
- Run through areas where you have personal contacts
- Run through towns with Special Olympics programs & include them in the event, especially the athletes
- Consider routes that allow high visibility for your runners, Special Olympics and large sponsors
- Consider incorporating a stop at any popular tourist attractions along the way

Legs should be run on state, county and local roads. Avoid using Interstate because special permission is necessary and difficult to obtain. Running on county and local roads:

- Involves more communities and towns
- Get more local agencies involved?
- Creates more publicity
- Creates more local fundraising
- Allows for more special event opportunities

Plan ahead to insure that the route for a particular day can be completed during daylight hours. Confirm there are no hazards such as construction zones or roadwork occurring on your chosen route. To help insure safety, never run at night or along narrow, winding roads.

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