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**Press Release**

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The 2015 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Connecticut was held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, This is the 29<sup>th</sup> year that the Berlin Police Department has participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run. The run through Berlin covered approximately seven miles.

Over 3,500 Law Enforcement Officers carried the "Flame of Hope" in Connecticut. The Torch was carried around 50 states, 12 Canadian Provinces and 35 nations in 2015. Berlin was honored to have Special Olympic Athletes Kelly Johnson and Christine Amaro participate in the Torch Run with the local Berlin Police Officers.

This year, Berlin Officers raised \$5,433 for Connecticut Special Olympics an increase of \$1,681 from the 2014 total. The department would like to express special thanks to McGee School Boys and Girls Track Team and Griswold School staff for their generous donations along with the residents and local business that contributed and supported this worthwhile cause.

Any additional questions regarding Connecticut Special Olympics can be directed to Sgt. John McCormack or Lt. James Gosselin.

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