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The 2008 Law Enforcement Torch Run participants.



Carrying the Torch

Detention Officers take part in Law Enforcement Torch Run to support Special Olympics.

Story and photos courtesy Detention Officer B. Cheung

Runners from the Van Nuys/VTD/Jail Division carried the torch June 10 for the cause of the Special Olympics.

This year, for the 27th annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics, more than 3,500 law enforcement officers carried the torch more than 1,500 miles. The Law Enforcement Torch Run is a prelude to the Special Olympics Summer Games, held at Cal State University Long Beach June 13 through 15.

The runners from Van Nuys/Valley Traffic/Jail Division ran alongside and encouraged the athletes from the Special Olympics. Van Nuys/VTD/Jail Division Officers received the torch from North Hollywood Division Officers at Ventura and Coldwater Canyon Boulevards and ran westbound on Ventura until they reached the 405 Freeway. Officers then ran 3.8 miles and passed the torch to the West Valley Division. On that day, motorcycle police from Valley Traffic and the Van Nuys station assisted with traffic control. A \$15 donation for the T-shirt raised money for this worthy cause.



The runners in action.

The runners were:

Sgt. I.R. Archambault; Senior Lead Officer G. Aguilar; Senior Lead Officer T. Berry; Officer II M. Perez; Officer II D. Dipaola; Officer II L. Kolb; Officer II T. Gallicks; Officer II B. Thompson; Officer II R. Bowman; Officer II G.

Goodyear; Officer II S. Carbajal; Detention Officer B. Cheung; Explorer H. Singh; Officer II H. Fredo; Explorer C. Lam; Officer II D. Hankins; Explorer R. Bazan; Officer II L. Grzelkowska (Event Coordinator); Sgt. II M. Whittemore; Officer II W. Gutierrez; Senior

Lead Officer J. Verdin; and Officer III K. Garcia. Congratulations to the participating runners, and thanks to Police Officer II Lydia Grzelkowska of (CRO) Van Nuys Division for coordinating the event.



The 2008 Law Enforcement Torch Run participants, from left: Detention Officer B. Cheung, Explorer H. Singh, Officer II H. Fredo, Explorer C. Lam, Officer II D. Hankins, Explorer R. Bazan, Officer II L. Grzelkowska (Event Coordinator), Sgt. II M. Whittemore, Officer II W. Gutierrez, Senior Lead Officer J. Verdin, and Officer III K. Garcia.

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