

## General Sessions

2016 Law Enforcement Torch Run® International Conference  
Phoenix, Arizona USA



### Thursday September 15

#### Opening Ceremony

8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run® Executive Council along with our local program hosts, LETR Arizona and Special Olympics Arizona, welcome you to the 2016 LETR International Conference. The LETR Conference in Phoenix, Arizona will be sure to provide all conference attendees with a memorable experience! **Keynote Speaker – Loretta Claiborne**, truly an amazing and inspiring woman who has not only touched the lives of hundreds of thousands, but has changed the lives of all with whom she has met. Ms. Claiborne is a woman of faith who shares her life personal story that carries a heart-felt message of hope and tolerance for all people around the world.

#### Special Olympics Liaison Session 1

9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

This is a business meeting for Special Olympics staff assigned to manage and provide oversight of their LETR campaign. All SO Liaisons are encouraged to attend this session. Questions or input regarding the agenda for this session should be directed to the **Facilitator: Richard Fernandez**

#### Special Olympics Liaison Session 2

11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

This is the continuation of Special Olympics Liaison Session 1. All SO Liaisons are encouraged to attend this session. **Facilitator: Richard Fernandez**

#### LETR Director Session

11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

This is a business meeting for attendees designated as their Program's LETR Director. All LETR Directors are encouraged to attend this session. Questions or input regarding the agenda for this session should be directed to the **Facilitator: Ron Casalenda**

#### IACP Founders Luncheon

12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The International Association of Chiefs of Police is recognized as the founding organization of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Be in your seat on time to see the first segment of the "Year in Review" videos capturing all the LETR activities of 2016. During the luncheon be welcomed by IACP representatives appointed to the LETR Executive Council and see those wonderful award winning Torch Run photos from around the world when the IACP Photo Contest winners are announced. **Featured SOAZ Athlete - Chy Johnson** told by doctors that she was not expected to live past two years old let alone walk or talk has been involved in the Special Olympics for over 12 years now and has too many medals to count. Bullied on campus by others, her story is genuinely inspiring.

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**Guest Speaker: Jessica Cox** has famously eliminated the words “I can’t” from her vocabulary. Although born without arms as the result of a birth defect, she has never allowed that to be a limiting factor. While she suffered from self-esteem issues early on and physical challenges throughout her life, Jessica managed to overcome and achieve, turning the tables on her so-called “disability”, allowing it to enable her as a motivational speaker and advocate in the USA and beyond.

### Regional Breakouts

3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

These breakouts are for all attendees. Don't miss this opportunity to meet with your LETR Executive Council Regional Coordinator, network with other Torch Run volunteers from your Region and participate in discussion regarding specific Executive Council and Regional agenda items. Voting for Council At-Large and Regional Coordinators will occur during this session.

### Friday September 16

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8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

Start your morning with an eye opening “Year in Review” video segment and share in another pictorial chronicle of 2016 Torch Run activities of your LETR colleagues from around the world. Learn the results of the Executive Council elections and watch as this year's LETR International Executive Council Athlete Award and Guardian Award recipients are named. Pay final tribute and recognize the efforts, dedication and sacrifice of our fallen LETR heroes who made a positive difference in the lives of our athletes and their families during the In Remembrance Tribute. **Featured SOAZ Athlete - David Frohme** was the first Special Olympics athlete to ever run in the Boston marathon. A talented World Games and USA Games track and field participant, he joined Special Olympics in the 8th grade. Now, at age 52, he has added Global Messenger to his long list of accomplishments.

#### Honors Luncheon

12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

This is an afternoon full of awards and recognition honoring you and the amazing efforts of your Law Enforcement Torch Run Programs. Awards of Excellence and Program Awards will be presented by the LETR International Executive Council in recognition of outstanding achievement. Additionally, in recognition of their contributions to the success of the Law Enforcement Torch Run on a local, state or national level, the winners of the John Carion “Unsung Hero” Award will also be revealed. **Guest Speaker - Jason Schecterle** had one dream - to serve as a Phoenix Police Officer. Inspired by his brother and the tragic loss of a local law enforcement hero, Jason worked persistently towards his dream. After serving four years in the Air Force, at the age 26, Jason achieved his goal to work on the streets of Phoenix as a rookie police officer. 14 months into what was supposed to be a life-long career, Jason's life took an unexpected tragic turn on the night of March 26th, 2001. You do not want to miss Jason's journey when he chronicles his fight for life, his triumph over tragedy and the inspiration that enables him to continue to overcome unimaginable adversity.

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### Saturday September 17

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9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

We're headed to Nashville Tennessee where "We're playing your song!" Famously known as Music City, you won't want to miss the Tennessee LETR presentation in this tune-up for what is sure to be a spectacular gathering in Nashville, TN September 2017. **Featured SOAZ Athlete Kevin Magee & Unified Partner Austin Rector** – Kevin in addition to his participation in multiple sports serves on several leadership positions and is a Global messenger to Belize. Austin, a unified partner and coach for Special Olympics Arizona, was himself often bullied in grade school. Currently a board member for SOAZ, Austin through his experiences has gained an appreciation and passion for working as team with the athletes like Kevin.

#### Hall of Fame Banquet / Closing Ceremonies

6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Celebrate the conclusion of this year's LETR International conference with an elegant dinner and presentation of the 2016 Richard LaMunyon Hall of Fame Awards. This is the evening, in recognition of outstanding service and a sustained and significant contribution to the growth and development of the global Torch Run movement; you will witness the induction of new members into the Law Enforcement Torch Run Richard LaMunyon Hall of Fame. See the passing of the Flame of Hope onto next year's conference program, Nashville, Tennessee!

**Master of Ceremonies: TBD**