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WHAT: Law Enforcement Agencies in Douglas County Run in Support of Special Olympics Colorado

NARRATIVE: DOUGLAS COUNTY, CO – On Monday, May 19, starting at 7:30 am, deputies, police officers, and many others within Douglas County will carry the Flame of Hope, in support of a group of very special athletes associated with Special Olympics Colorado.

Deputies, police officers, security guards, civilian personnel, county employees, and members of the District Attorney's Office will run the entire length of the county starting in Larkspur and ending at Lincoln Ave and Quebec St.

The overall route will begin at the Larkspur Fire Station. The route will continue to the on ramp from Larkspur to I-25 and go for a short stint to the Tomah exit. Runners will continue the run, but they will be running on the east frontage road of the interstate, until they get to Medved Chevrolet in Castle Rock, where there will be a short stop. Castle Rock Police Officers will run north on Wilcox and turn right on Plum Creek Parkway and make another left onto Perry St. They will run in front of the Castle Rock Police Department and will end up on Front St. at the Douglas County High School. SWAT team members will run from the high school and finish their portion in front of the Robert A. Christensen Justice Center at Justice Way and Castleton. Other runners will take it from that intersection out to Highway 85 and continue north to Daniels Park Road. The route will make its way through the back part of Castle Pines and north to Griggs Rd. The torch will be handed off to those who will take it to McCarthur Ranch Road and will be carried to Quebec and then North to Lincoln Ave. From there the torch will be handed off to the Lone Tree Police Department.

This year more than 900 law enforcement personnel statewide will participate in Colorado's Law Enforcement Torch Run, May 1-May 31, 2008. On Saturday, May 31, 2008 dozens of officers will safely deliver the Flame of Hope to the University of Northern Colorado, and together with the Special Olympics athletes will light the cauldron at the opening ceremonies for the Special Olympics Colorado 2008 Summer Games.

The media and public are invited to cheer the officers and civilians on as they carry the Flame of Hope through Douglas County.