



# Statement of Values

As members of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics® we commit to adhere to the highest professional standards, to demonstrate moral strength and courage, and to behave with honor and impartiality in all our rules and actions.

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At all times I will:

## **SO and LETR Missions -**

- I will act in support of, and in furtherance of, the SO and LETR missions at all times while participating in SO and LETR events.

## **Show Respect for Others -**

- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all.
- I will accept diversity with tolerance and understanding.
- I will be open minded and adaptive to change.
- I will treat everyone equally regardless of sex, ethnic origin, religion or ability.
- I will be a positive role model to my LETR colleagues, SO athletes, and the public.
- I will respect the property and rules of all venues associated with SO and LETR events.

## **Ensure a positive experience -**

- I will strive to ensure that SO and LETR events are a positive experience for all.
- I will be fair, considerate and honest with everyone, and communicate with simple, clear and respectful language.
- I will be appreciative of and acknowledge the efforts of others.

## **Act professionally and take responsibility for my actions -**

- I will accept responsibility, show commitment, and lead by example.
- I will maintain high personal standards, taking pride in my appearance and conduct.
- I will inspire participation and commitment through a shared vision.
- My language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation will demonstrate high standards during SO and LETR events.
- I will display control, respect, dignity and professionalism to all involved in SO and LETR events.
- I will encourage all members/volunteers to demonstrate the same qualities as above.
- I will refrain from any form of personal abuse towards anyone, including inappropriate or unwanted sexual advances toward others, and verbal, written, physical and emotional abuse.
- I will be alert to any form of abuse from other sources directed toward anyone affiliated with an SO or LETR event, and I will promptly report such abuse to the appropriate authorities.
- I will report any emergencies to the appropriate authorities after first taking immediate action to help ensure the health and safety of the participants.
- I will refrain from an overindulgence of alcohol while representing LETR/SO, at those events where alcohol is permitted.

## **Quality service to SO athletes and others -**

- I will aspire to provide the highest quality event and experience as possible.
- I will be a positive role model for my LETR colleagues, the SO athletes in the program, and the public.

## **Health and safety of the athletes present at SO and LETR events -**

- I will be personally committed to promoting the health and safety of my colleagues, SO athletes, and the public.
- I will assist in ensuring that the equipment and facilities are safe to use.
- I will encourage athletes to seek medical advice when needed.

## **Mentoring and succession planning -**

- I will be an advocate for LETR and SO within my sphere of influence, and will encourage my law enforcement colleagues to participate in LETR and SO events.
- I will mentor and train others to follow in my footsteps as an LETR member, and will encourage and equip others to be future LETR leaders.