

Tip-A-Cop

The Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) is a movement of law enforcement personnel championing inclusion in their communities. LETR is represented in all 50 U.S. states, Canadian provinces and 46 nations, raising more than \$750,000,000 since its inception in 1981.

Every year, Law Enforcement volunteers donate their time, talent and resources to a variety of Special Olympics Minnesota events like the Final Leg Run, Polar Plunge®, Tip-A-Cop®, Cop on Top, and lots more.

By volunteering for Special Olympics Minnesota, law enforcement participants champion acceptance and inclusion of individuals with intellectual disabilities in their communities. They help educate their communities about the gifts, talents, and abilities of people with intellectual disabilities and create opportunities to bring everyone together.

For a **Tip-A-Cop** event, officers serve as celebrity waiters at restaurants and donate all the “tips” they receive to Special Olympics Minnesota. Tip-A-Cop fundraisers are a fun and easy way for officers to raise money and interact with their community while supporting local businesses.

How to partner with your local agency to plan a Tip-A-Cop:

- Determine a date and time
 - Lunch shift, dinner shift, or both!
 - 2-3 hours per shift is typical
- Promote
 - Hang flyers
 - Post on social media
 - Offer a food special
- Day-Of
 - Law enforcement volunteers will arrive at the restaurant 30 minutes prior to the event.
 - LE volunteers will be assigned a section to help “serve”, keeping the duties for the offers simple. This includes drink refills, condiment deliver, and/or bussing tables.
 - After the guests have been seated and their orders taken, the officers will present an envelope for a “Tip-a-Cop” donation to Special Olympics; however, **it must be stressed that the “Tip-a-Cop” donation is in addition to the “real” server’s tip.** The envelopes will be used for cash or check donations. iPad will be provided by SOMN for card transactions.
 - Every customer who donates \$20 or more, will received an LETR t-shirt or hat, so SOMN staff many need an empty table for display and other information.

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