

# Manteca Police Department

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## News Release

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## **COPS TRADE IN HANDCUFFS**

*Chili's Restaurant and Local Law Enforcement Officers Raise Funds to Benefit Special Olympics Northern California*

**Who:** Special Olympics Northern California and Manteca Police Department and Chili's Restaurant

**What:** Local law enforcement will trade in their handcuffs and badges for classic Tex-Mex and American flare in a Southwestern-style setting at Chili's® restaurants in Northern California as part of the Signature Tip-A-Cop event benefitting Special Olympics. Law enforcement will collect tips and help serve Chili's restaurant guests from 5 to 9 p.m. Chili's will be donating 10% of sales for everyone who shows a Special Olympics flyer (excluding tax and gratuity).

**When:** Thursday May 12, from 5 to 9 p.m.

**Where:** Chili's Restaurant, located at 2262 Daniels Street, in Manteca. We encourage media to visit the Chili's restaurant for interviews and photos with local law enforcement and Special Olympics Northern California athletes and representatives.

**Why:** Supporting local and national causes, like Special Olympics, that promote the health and welfare of families and citizens in local communities is an important part of the Chili's culture. Chili's has been supporting Special Olympics Northern California Programs for the past few years and has helped raise more than \$200,000 for Special Olympics.

### **About Special Olympics Northern California**

Special Olympics Northern California is a free year-round sports training and competition program for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. There are 19,940 athletes who compete in 198 competitions throughout the region in 12 sports. Included in that figure are 9,385 special education student-athletes who have Special Olympics in the classroom through our Schools Partnership Program. Special Olympics requires the extraordinary support and time of 20,000 volunteers and volunteer coaches. Financial support comes almost exclusively from individuals, organizations, corporations, and foundations. For more information on Special Olympics Northern California, visit [www.SONC.org](http://www.SONC.org) or join us at [www.Facebook.com/SONorCal](http://www.Facebook.com/SONorCal) and [www.Twitter.com/SONorCal](http://www.Twitter.com/SONorCal).

### **About Law Enforcement Torch Run and Tip-A-Cop Northern California**

The Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) is the largest year-round fund-raising vehicle benefiting Special Olympics Northern California. The annual intrastate relay and its various fundraising projects, conducted by officers representing every branch of law enforcement, have a mission of partnering with our communities, to support Special Olympics Programs through raising funds and public awareness, while enhancing the quality of life of our athletes. LETR has raised more than \$6 million dollars since its inception in 1998.

Tip-A-Cop® is part of the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run® (LETR) campaign. LETR, which includes an international series of relay runs and special events like Tip-A-Cop®, is presented by

more than 144,000 law enforcement officers worldwide to help raise money and public awareness for Special Olympics. LETR is the largest grassroots fundraiser and public awareness vehicle for Special Olympics Northern California through which funds raised go directly to local programs in states or countries where the funds are generated. For more information visit [www.TorchRunCalifornia.com](http://www.TorchRunCalifornia.com) or [www.SONC.org](http://www.SONC.org)

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