

**North Carolina Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics
Bill Dalton Unsung Hero Award**

Fact Sheet and Nomination Process

PURPOSE: The Bill Dalton Unsung Hero Award was created to recognize outstanding individuals who have contributed to the success of the Law Enforcement Torch Run in North Carolina on a local or community level. The award is a tribute to the memory of Sgt. Bill Dalton of the Fayetteville Police Department and his many contributions to the LETR and Special Olympics. Sgt. Dalton epitomized the term Unsung Hero through his low-key leadership in the Torch Run movement and his volunteerism to Special Olympics. He was nominated for and received the John Carion Unsung Hero award at the International Law Enforcement Torch Run Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1999.

The Bill Dalton Unsung Hero should be someone who contributes to the Torch Run and Special Olympics NC with spirit, dedication, and enthusiasm in an effective, yet quiet and understated way. Some examples of people who may be considered for this award could include, but are not limited to, an officer or employee who: consistently raises a significant amount of money through the personal one-on-one sale of Torch Run t-shirts and hats; organizes a specific event each year, such as a golf tournament or polar plunge; seeks state sponsors for the NC Torch Run, or for a specific local event; is frequently involved in TR events; actively works at recruiting new officers to the TR program for his agency; consistently works behind the scene for his agency's fundraisers, or someone who consistently volunteers for most of the events that his agency sponsors.

An Unsung Hero is someone who works without thought of reward or recognition to ensure the success of his agency's LETR efforts. Volunteering for local Special Olympics events in addition to being involved in the Torch Run is desirable.

NOMINATIONS: Nominations may be submitted by any individual who has a thorough knowledge of the involvement of a nominee in the NC LETR. Nominations must be submitted through a written NC LETR nomination form that is provided in this packet by the date of the deadline. Late submissions may be considered in the following year.

CRITERIA: The nominee must be active in the Law Enforcement Torch Run in North Carolina for at a minimum of five (5) years. The person should demonstrate meaningful contribution to the North Carolina Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Part of the focus of this award is to recognize someone who has demonstrated the traits of an Unsung Hero at the local or community level, however activities at the state level can also be considered. The person must also be able to motivate others to become involved as donors, volunteers, or both! The focus of this award is to recognize someone who is an "Unsung Hero" for their agency while at the same time making the overall LETR a success. A person selected as an Unsung Hero should be someone who provides steadfast support of the Torch Run without drawing attention to themselves, but rather to the LETR efforts of their agency and to the Special Olympics athletes that benefit from those efforts.

PROCESS: Nomination Forms must be postmarked no later than **November 15th each year** and returned to:

Leslie Moyar
Director of Development for the Law Enforcement Torch Run
Special Olympics North Carolina
Suite 201
2200 Gateway Centre Blvd.
Morrisville, NC 27560
919-719-7662 ext 123
FAX 919-719-7663

Nominations will remain in consideration for three years in total and will be automatically considered unless the individual is inducted or the nomination is withdrawn by the nominator. Supportive nominee information is encouraged each year to update a prior nomination. A list of nominees still eligible can be provided if requested.

Complete nomination packets will be disseminated during the late summer of each year. All Departmental Coordinators will receive nomination packets. All nominations will be forwarded to Leslie Moyar at SONC.

SELECTION: An official nomination form is provided. This nomination form can be submitted by mail, fax, or e-mail. The award presentation will be held at the North Carolina Kick Off Conference(s). All nominees will be selected by the Torch Run Council and Special Olympics NC LETR Staff. Each committee member will review the nomination forms and vote for each nominee in rank order fashion. The Torch Run Council and Special Olympics NC LETR Staff may select up to two winners if deemed appropriate by the committee. The result will be kept confidential and will be announced at the Kick Off Conference(s) the following January. If possible, arrangements will be made to ensure the presence of the honoree. All nominees will be announced at the awards ceremony.

NOTES: This award is separate from the North Carolina Torch Run Hall of Fame Award. This award is intended to highlight and recognize contributions at the “grass-roots” level whereas the Hall of Fame is intended to recognize more widespread, comprehensive contributions at the state level. Please direct any questions or comments to Leslie Moyar at SONC. Dalton nominees that are not selected will remain in consideration for two (2) additional years unless selected. Current Hall of Fame nominees (and inductees) are not eligible for this award. Otherwise, nominations for this award are not limited.

(See nomination form attached)

**NORTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN[®] FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS
BILL DALTON MEMORIAL "UNsung HERO" AWARD
NOMINATION FORM**

NOMINATOR: _____

DEPARTMENT/AGENCY: _____

PHONE: _(____) _____ Fax: _(____) _____

E-MAIL: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ COUNTY: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____

INVOLVEMENT WITH THE TORCH RUN:

NOMINEE INFORMATION

NAME: _____

DEPARTMENT/AGENCY: _____

PHONE: _(____) _____ Fax: _(____) _____

E-MAIL: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ COUNTY: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____

1. PLEASE LIST THE NOMINEE'S INVOLVEMENT WITH THE TORCH RUN. PLEASE BE SPECIFIC AND HIGHLIGHT ACTIVITIES, CONTRIBUTIONS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, LENGTH OF SERVICE, VOLUNTEERISM POSITIONS HELD, ETC.

2. WHAT IS THE NOMINEE'S INVOLVEMENT WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS? PLEASE BE SPECIFIC AND HIGHLIGHT ACTIVITIES, POSITIONS HELD, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, LENGTH OF SERVICE, ETC.

3. PLEASE LIST ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU BELIEVE THE SELECTION COMMITTEE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE NOMINEE. WHAT MAKES THE NOMINEE AN UNSUNG HERO FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN AND SPECIAL OLYMPICS?

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*Please use additional sheets as necessary. **Nominations must arrive no later than November 15.***