



July/August 2023

Guardians of the Flame,

So far in 2023, the NC LETR has raised \$1 million! This is amazing and the fastest we have ever raised this amount of money in a given year. Let's continue with our efforts in our communities and state events and we can set the record for most ever raised by the NC LETR. Our athletes deserve our best!

Looking back on the first half of our year, we held an excellent Publix campaign, the NC LETR Conference, which included a conference Polar Plunge, several very successful local Torch Run plunges, and the Dunkin' Icon Campaign.

During May, we had six relays running throughout the state, all descending on Raleigh for the NC LETR Final Leg and Opening Ceremony for the SONC Summer Games. The awareness the relays across the state brought to the mission is invaluable.

In June, I had the pleasure of joining NC LETR Athlete Ambassador Dustin Edmondson of Greensboro at the Special Olympics World Games Berlin 2023 Final Leg. This was truly a once-in-a lifetime experience and [Dustin](#) absolutely shined giving his [speeches](#) and running while in Germany. Also at the World Games, [Phillip Blount](#) of Charlotte brought home Gold in the shot put and Erin Cagle of Raleigh brought home Silver in gymnastics vaulting!

We have many exciting events coming up and need support to make them successful:

- [WOD for Inclusion](#): Any day until August 31, 2023, statewide
- [Over the Edge](#): September 30, 2023, 150 Fayetteville St, Raleigh
- [Plane Pull](#): October 21, 2023, Raleigh-Durham International Airport, UPS Terminal
- [Truck Convoy](#): November 18, 2023, zMAX Dragway, Concord, NC

As we continue to increase and recruit the number of agencies participating in the NC LETR, I would encourage you to talk to your neighboring agencies and ask them to join. Let's keep up the great work, schedule events (please do not forget to complete your event notification and fundraising deposit forms) and finish the year strong. There is still plenty of time for agencies to get in the Top 10 and to reach the \$7,000 fundraising goal to earn your agency's names on the 2024 T-shirt. Let's make this the best fundraising year ever!



We are extremely thankful for everything you do in your communities and for Special Olympics North Carolina athletes. Please mark your calendars as the 2024 NC LETR Conference will be held February 6 – 8 at Harrah's Cherokee Casino and Resort!

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Leslie Moyar at lmoyar@sonc.net or me at Ryan.Jackson@cmpd.org.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Jackson".

Major Ryan Jackson
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department
NC LETR State Director