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## **Bristol Police to Host Tip-A-Cop for Special Olympics at Uncle Sam's, May 23**

April 18, 2019 – Officers with the Bristol Police Department will host a Tip-A-Cop event to benefit Special Olympics Connecticut at Uncle Sam's Restaurant on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Uncle Sam's is located at 538 Middle Street in Bristol. To find out more, please visit [www.soct.org](http://www.soct.org), email [specialolympicsct@soct.org](mailto:specialolympicsct@soct.org) or call 203-230-1201.

During the event, officers will assist restaurant staff in taking orders and serving meals to restaurant patrons. At the end of the event, all tips the officers receive for their efforts will go to Special Olympics Connecticut to support its year-round sports, health and fitness programs for athletes of all abilities.

Tip-a-Cop is a Law Enforcement Torch Run event to benefit Special Olympics Connecticut.

### **About the Special Olympics Connecticut Law Enforcement Torch Run®**

The Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics Connecticut is one of the movement's largest grass-roots fundraiser and public awareness vehicles. This year-round program involves law enforcement officers from across the state who volunteer their time to raise awareness and funds through events including Tip-a-Cops, Cop-on-Tops, and Jail N' Bail fundraisers.

In addition, each year in June, over 1,500 officers and athletes carry the Special Olympics "Flame of Hope" through hundreds of cities and towns across the state, covering over 530 miles over three days. The runners run the "Final Leg" and light the ceremonial cauldron during Opening Ceremonies for the Special Olympics Connecticut Summer Games.

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### **About Special Olympics Connecticut**

Special Olympics Connecticut provides year-round sports training and competitions for over 13,000 athletes of all ages with intellectual disabilities and Unified Sports® partners - their teammates without disabilities.

Through the joy of sport, the Special Olympics movement transforms lives and communities throughout the state and in 170 countries around the world by promoting good health and fitness and inspiring inclusion and respect for all people, on and off the playing field. ([www.soct.org](http://www.soct.org))

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