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## PRESS RELEASE

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*Officer Phillip Jones has been selected to represent all Maine police officers for the Special Olympics in Austria. He leaves on March 7<sup>th</sup> and will be returning on March 20<sup>th</sup>.*

*As part of the final leg for the World Games, Phil will be joining police officers from all over the world to run the Special Olympics Torch Run leading up to the start of the games. Phil was asked to give a speech in Innsbruck (one of the stops along the way). It will be an opportunity to offer a greeting on behalf of the Law Enforcement from Maine. There is a long standing tradition to exchange gifts with the heads of the city after the speech is given. From what Phil has been told, the best gift ever was by a police officer was presented last year when an officer from TX presented a state flag and a letter from his governor. Knowing Texas, I'm not surprised. Phil will be bringing the Maine State flag in a nice case.*

*Phil has been involved with the Torch Run for about ten years (since he was hired) and has taken part in various fundraising events for Special Olympics to include doughnut eating, dunk tanks, and camping on top of the local hardware store. Bridgton generally raises about 3-4 thousand dollars for Special Olympics Maine each year. Phil serves as the leg leader for our area which covers Bridgton to Brunswick. Officer Jones serves on the state's executive board for the Torch Run, in 2013 he was asked to be a part of the honor guard at the international conference in Orlando, and he has attended the local games in Orono to present medals and help with the opening ceremonies.*

*In his speech he will be able to give a brief overview of his involvement with the Torch Run and Special Olympics in Maine and also offer a couple of inspiring stories about some of the athletes he's met along the way.*

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