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STATE PATROL TROOPER'S ASSOCIATION LEADING THE WORLD'S LARGEST TRUCK CONVOY FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS MINNESOTA

The Minnesota State Patrol Trooper's Association and local law enforcement agencies are teaming up for the seventh annual World's Largest Truck Convoy for Special Olympic on October 1 at the National Sports Center in Blaine. Troopers will be escorting truckers and Special Olympic athletes through the Twin Cities metro area.

The celebration begins the night before, September 30, with stage performances also at the National Sports Center. The two-day event is presented by the Law Enforcement Torch Run to raise money and support of Special Olympics athletes.

Opening Ceremonies begin Saturday at 9:30 a.m. The convoy of around 100 trucks will leave the National Sports Center at 10 a.m. The 22-mile route may cause some traffic delays in the north metro. We urge drivers to be patient and enjoy the parade of trucks.

The route starts from the parking lot off 105th Avenue Northeast and continues:

- West to MNTH 65
- Turn north and travel to Constance Boulevard / CR 20
- Turn right and travel east to Lexington Avenue / CR 17
- Turn right and travel south to Main Street / CR 14
- Turn left and travel west to Radisson Road / CR 52
- Turn right and travel west on 109th Avenue Northwest / CR 12 to Davenport St.
- The convoy will gather on Davenport Street before heading back into the parking lot

Special Olympics Minnesota offers children and adults with intellectual disabilities year-round sports training and competition. Through Special Olympics' athletic, health and leadership programs, people with intellectual disabilities transform themselves, their communities and the world.

Further information about the event can be found by visiting the web site:

http://specialolympicsminnesota.org/Truck_Convoy.php