

Alberta Law Enforcement Torch Run

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The Alberta Special Olympics committee approached the RCMP and various municipal police services in December, 1988, to request that consideration be given to supporting various recreational programs of the mentally disabled. One suggestion was that support could come by direct involvement in a torch run. The Ontario police community had undertaken the first Canadian Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics in 1987, raising more than \$100,000.

The CO, "K" Division, endorsed the concept, in conjunction with a majority of chiefs of police in Alberta. After this consensus was reached, the concept developed from possibility to reality.

In Alberta, population development and industrial expansion have been north-south, with the main population density in the central corridor between



Lanny McDonald, ex-Calgary Flames player, opened the Special Olympics with the official oath.