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Annual Division of Correction Tug of War and Walk/Run To Benefit Special Olympics is Tuesday, June 2

TOWSON, MD (May 29, 2009)--- Each year the Maryland Division of Correction pulls together, literally, to raise money for the Special Olympics of Maryland during the **Commissioner's Torch Walk, Run and Tug of War** at the Jessup Shooting Range. Correctional employees from across the Division, and outside law enforcement agencies as well, will test their strength in this one-of-kind fundraiser.

DOC involvement with Special Olympics began with participation in the Law Enforcement Officers' Torch Run in 1990, collecting a grand total of \$184. Since 1993, dedicated correctional officers and other Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) employees have raised more than \$245,000 for Special Olympics.

The Tug of War event was initiated by the Commissioner of Correction in 2000, to create a competitive, yet fun, team building event that would emanate the spirit of the Special Olympics. Last year, DOC received 2nd place out of all participating law enforcement agencies in Maryland for their sale of Special Olympic shirts and hats, making them a member of the 2009 Torch Club.

The activities will begin at 9am with a welcome from Commissioner J. Michael Stouffer. Runners will then carry the Special Olympics "Flame of Hope" torch around the Jessup prison complex before passing it off to walkers.

The main event, the tug, will begin at approximately 11am with 17 teams, in both heavy weight and light weight categories, from various correctional facilities and public safety offices. Special Olympians and Special Olympic Maryland staff will also help cheer the teams to victory.

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Directions: Maryland route 175 to Brock Bridge Road. Follow Brock Bridge to the first intersection, which is Toulson Road, and turn right. DOC personnel will be on hand to direct you to the range.