



Ready to Protect
Proud to Serve

NEWS RELEASE

Roberto A. Villaseñor
Chief of Police

Contact: Maria Hawke
Sergeant / Public Information Office
520-791-4852
On-call PIO: tucsonpdpio@gmail.com
<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/police>

Date: 02/06/2013
TDD: 791-2639

AMERICAN GEM TRADE ASSOCIATION DONATING TO THE TUCSON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO HELP FUNDRAISING FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The Tucson Police Department extends an invitation to media entities to attend an event in which Doug Hucker, CEO of the American Gem Trade Association (AGTA), will be presenting a check to Chief Roberto Villaseñor of the Tucson Police Department to help our annual fundraising efforts to benefit Special Olympics of Southern Arizona. Every year, members of the Tucson Police Department engage in various fundraising activities in support of Special Olympics. In addition, our personnel always participate in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics as well as several competitions that take place in the Tucson area throughout each year. The American Gem Trade Association has also been a huge supporter of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics as well as the Special Olympics Organization. The AGTA started 31 years ago and adopted Special Olympics as its Charity of Record. At that time, Special Olympics was in over 60 countries and represented mentally handicapped people everywhere around the world. When the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics was established 25 years ago, the American Gem Trade Association began donating to the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics as a perfect way to continue to support Special Olympics as well as honor all of the Tucson Police Department officers that work the Gem Show every year. It is estimated that the American Gem Trade Association has donated more than \$200,000 over the years to the Law Enforcement Torch Run and Special Olympics, with the funds staying in Pima County.

The check presentation event will take place on Thursday, February 7, 2013. It will be held at the Tucson Convention Center in the Main Exhibition Hall and will begin at 3:30 p.m. Please plan on joining us as we show our appreciation to the American Gem Trade Association for their support of the Tucson Police Department's annual involvement in fundraising efforts for Special Olympics of Southern Arizona.

####

Page 1 of 1

For accommodations; materials in accessible formats; foreign language interpreters; and/or materials in a language other than English, please contact the Tucson Police Department Public Information Office at (520) 791-4852 or (520) 791-2639 for TDD at least five (5) business days in advance. Para arreglos; materiales en formatos accesibles; interpretes de idioma extranjero; y/o materiales en otro idioma que no sea inglés, por favor comunicarse al Departamento de la Policía de Tucson a la sección de Información Pública al (520) 791-4852 o (520) 791-2639 para TDD por lo menos con cinco (5) días hábiles de anticipación.

tucsonaz.gov