



Police to participate in three June 22 events

Coffee With a Cop; Torch Run for Special Olympics; Benefit for Officer Branch

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June 22 will be a busier-than-usual Thursday for many Dayton Police Department officers.

Several police personnel will host residents for coffee and conversation, while others will lace up their running shoes to benefit Special Olympics, and still others will grab bats and gloves to play ball to benefit Officer Byron Branch, who was injured in the line of duty last December.

Officers of the West Patrol Operations Division will host a Coffee With a Cop event at Benjamin's the Burger Master restaurant (1000 N. Main St.), from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Residents are invited to interact with officers and encouraged to ask questions, voice concerns, or just chat with the men and women who patrol nearby neighborhoods.

Officers from Dayton and other Montgomery County jurisdictions will run a leg of the 2017 Ohio Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Runners will gather in front of the Safety Building (335 W. Third St.) and begin a 5.6 mile run to the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force at approximately 1 p.m. Police officers from around the country have raised money and awareness for Special Olympics for more than 30 years.

Later that evening, a baseball team made up of Dayton officers will take the field to play against the Brick City Blast, a local 15U select baseball team concentrating on community service. The first pitch is at 6 p.m. at Action Sports Center (1103 Gateway Dr.). The game recognizes local first responders and benefits Officer Byron Branch, who is recovering from a line-of-duty injury.

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