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Tip-A-Cop For Special Olympics Maryland Comes to Bowie Red Robin
*Bowie Police Department to volunteer as “celebrity waiters” to collect tips for SOMD;
Event held Saturday, March 26 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and 4 - 8 p.m.*

Bowie, MD – The Bowie Police Department, in coordination with the Maryland Law Enforcement Torch Run (**LETTR**) to benefit Special Olympics Maryland (**SOMD**), announced today a Tip-A-Cop event at the local Bowie Red Robin restaurant. Law enforcement officers and department personnel will volunteer their time as “celebrity waiters” to collect tips with all proceeds benefiting SOMD. The fundraiser will take place Saturday, March 26, 2011 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and 4 - 8 p.m. at the Bowie Red Robin located at 15650 Excelsior Drive, Bowie, MD 20716 (Bowie Town Center).

Several officers from the Bowie Police Department, along with members of the Bowie Police Explorers Post #1916 will serve as “celebrity waiters” for the event. Ten locations are expected to participate across the state: Annapolis, Bel Air, Bowie, Columbia Crossing, Germantown, Lake Forest, Lexington Park, Owings Mills, Towson and Waldorf.

Between March 21-25, Red Robin will also donate 50 cents to the Law Enforcement Torch Run for every cheeseburger and Coca-Cola® combination ordered. The national goal for the 2011 Red Robin Tip-A-Cop event is to raise more than \$600,000 for all participating national Torch Run programs to benefit Special Olympics programs. In recent years, Maryland’s Law Enforcement Torch Run program has been ranked number 1 in the nation despite being significantly smaller than other states’ programs.

“Special Olympics is the charity of choice for law enforcement officers in all 50 states and especially here in Maryland, where we boast the top fundraising Law Enforcement Torch Run program in all of

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the country,” said Chief John K. Nesky of the Bowie Police Department. “We want to thank Red Robin for the ongoing support, and for helping us to help Special Olympics athletes all across the great State of Maryland to be their very best.”

The Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit SOMD is a year-round fundraising and awareness initiative that involves over 90 law enforcement and corrections agencies in Maryland. The Bowie Police invite you to join them and encourage your friends and family to come dine at Red Robin located at 15650 Excelsior Drive, Bowie, MD 20716 (Bowie Town Center) on Saturday, March 26, 2011 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and 4 - 8 p.m.

SOMD is a year-round sports organization dedicated to providing quality sports training and competition opportunities to Maryland’s children and adults with intellectual disabilities and/or closely related development disabilities. SOMD currently serves thousands of athletes statewide, and offers 28 sports, all at no cost to the athletes or their families. For more information about SOMD visit www.somd.org or call 410-789-6677.

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