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Teams Pull Fire Truck to Benefit Special Olympics

Chief Tracey Steffes announced today, the Morris Police Department will hold the 4th Annual Pumper Pull on September 29, 2007. The event will benefit the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics

The Pumper Pull will be held on September 29, 2007. Teams of ten members will pull a 35,000 pound fire truck a distance of 25 feet in a tog-o-war style event. The entry fee will be \$15.00 per person or \$150.00 per team. Each participant will receive a 2007 Pumper Pull T-Shirt. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

The Pumper Pull will be held in the 200 block of W. Main St. and check-in will be at the corner of W. Main and Wauponsee St. near Fire Station #2. Check-in will start at 9:00 AM and the event will start at 10:00 AM. Registration forms are available at the Morris Police Department or they can be downloaded from the Morris Police Department web site at www.morrispolice.org by clicking on the Special Olympics button then going to the Pumper Pull page.

Special Olympics of Illinois is a not-for-profit organization providing year-round sports training and competition to nearly 20,000 children and adults with mental retardation or closely related developmental disabilities in the state. Through training and competition, Special Olympics programs enhance physical fitness, motor skills, self-confidence, social skills and encourage family support. What started out as two sports at the 1st Special Olympics at Soldier Field in Chicago in 1968 has grown to 19 sports in Illinois. The Law Enforcement Torch Run is the single largest fundraiser for Special Olympics. The Morris Police Department raised over \$20,000.00 for Special Olympics last year.

Anyone wishing to participate of that has questions contact School Resource Officer Eric Werden at 815-942-2131

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