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Orland Park Police Ride for Special Olympics Illinois
Public Invited to Participate in 14.4-Mile Bicycling Fundraiser

Orland Park, IL – The **Orland Park Police Department** will hold its annual “**Bicycle Ride for Special Olympics Illinois**” on **Sunday, August 23**. Check-in/registration begins at 7:00 a.m. with the ride beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Orland Park Police Chief Tim McCarthy participates in the ride each year. “This is a nicely paced bicycle ride through parts of Orland Park and the forest preserve bike trails. It’s a great way to begin the week --- a scenic Sunday morning ride,” he added, noting that bicycle helmets are strongly encouraged for all participants.

The ride will begin and end at Paddy B’s Pub at 143rd Street and Union Avenue, in Old Orland.

“Paddy B’s has again offered to generously host the event this year, donating the complimentary buffet breakfast for participants after the ride,” explained Lieutenant Bob Reilly, who coordinates the event. A cash bar will also be available after the ride.

The 14.4-mile course will travel through Old Orland and will then connect with the Tinley Creek Forest Preserve trails. A water stop is held midway through the ride, which is **not a race**.

“Our bicycle patrol officers lead the group, which is also escorted by a few squad cars. Police block off intersections as our riders pass and we remain together as a group,” Reilly noted.

Pre-registration is available until 5:00 P.M. on Friday, August 21 at the Orland Park Police Department, 15100 South Ravinia Avenue and at the **Frederick T. Owens Village Hall**, 14700 South Ravinia. Registration will also be available the day of the event. The ride is open to those age twelve and older and the cost is \$20 per person. All proceeds benefit Illinois Special Olympics.

The Orland Park Police Ride for Illinois Special Olympics is co-sponsored by Paddy B's and Human Race Sports. For more information, call the Orland Park Police Department's non-emergency number at **708/349-4111**.

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Orland Park Police squad cars block traffic as last year's bike ride participants clear an intersection. This year's ride for Illinois Special Olympics will be held August 23. Registration information is available by calling 708/349-4111.



The Orland Park Police Department's annual bike ride to benefit Illinois Special Olympics will be held August 23rd of this year. The leisurely paced 15-mile ride will begin at Paddy B's, travel Old Orland and connect to the Tinley Creek Bike Trail, as shown above.

Registration information is available at 349-4111.