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For Immediate Release:

OCEAN CITY POLICE CHIEF WINS WACKY WHEELCHAIR RACE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

On Friday, August 20, 2010, Ocean City Police Chief Bernadette A. DiPino competed in a wacky wheelchair race to benefit Special Olympics of Maryland. The competition, which was held at Perdue Stadium during a Delmarva Shorebirds game, was made up of 12 competitors contending for a \$500 donation to a charity of the winner's choice.

The fundraiser, which was sponsored by Peninsula Home Care, American Homepatient, Salisbury Rehabilitation and Nursing Center/Genesis Health and Rehab and Bank of Delmarva, had six teams compete for the \$500 prize. Competing against the Ocean City Police Department were teams from WBOC, WMDT, Froggy 99.9, Wicomico County Sheriff's Office and the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce.

The OCPD team, consisted of Chief DiPino and Public Safety Aid Daniel Bokinsky, who came in first place during their first heat and advanced into the final round. The final round consisted of a showdown between the Ocean City Police Department and Sheriff Mike Lewis and Chief Deputy Gary Baker from Wicomico County, in which the OCPD blew away the competition.



Above: Chief DiPino and Bokinsky prepare to race Sheriff Lewis and Chief Deputy Baker in final round for \$500 prize.

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"The Wacky Wheelchair Race was a great event," said Chief DiPino. "Not only was it fun to be a part of, but it was a great way to unite law enforcement and the community to raise money and awareness for charity."

The Ocean City Police Department chose to donate their winnings to the Special Olympics of Maryland. The OCPD is actively involved in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. In addition to the Wacky Wheelchair Race, the OCPD participates in events throughout the year to raise awareness and money for the organization. The next fundraiser for Special Olympics will be the "COPS ON ROOFTOPS" event, which will be held on September 25th and 26th at the Dunkin Donuts on 119th Street and Coastal Highway.



Above: Chief DiPino and Bokinsky accept a check for \$500, in which they chose to donate to Special Olympics of Maryland.

During "COPS ON ROOFTOPS", Chief DiPino, along with OCPD officers, participating community members and special guests, will be stationed on the rooftop of Dunkin Donuts to heighten awareness and collect donations for Special Olympics of Maryland. In addition to the "Cops on Rooftops" there will be a number of events going on throughout the day, including appearances from local DJ's, silent auctions, special appearances and much more. Also, Dunkin' Donuts is offering a free cup of coffee for donations of \$5 or more.

For more information about the event, or to see how you or your business/organization can get involved in the "Cops on Rooftops" Benefit, please contact the OCPD Public Affairs Office at 410.520.5395.

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