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### **OCPD RAISES NEARLY \$9,000 FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS FROM THE ROOF OF DUNKIN DONUTS**

The Ocean City Police Department staked out the rooftop of Dunkin Donuts this weekend to raise money for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics of Maryland. On both Saturday and Sunday, September 25 and 26, the Ocean City Police Department was able to raise nearly \$9,000 in only a 24-hour time period.

The "Cops on Rooftops" event was part of a national fundraising effort for Special Olympics. Several officers from the Ocean City Police Department, including the Chief Bernadette DiPino, volunteered to spend the day on the roof of Dunkin' Donuts. In addition to the OCPD, several noteworthy

community members participated in the event, including: Ocean City Mayor and City Council, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 10 President Glen McIntyre, the Ocean City Fire Department, Ocean City Today's Christine Cullen, MD Delegate Jim Mathias, candidate Michael James, Froggy 99.9's John Trout, OC 104's Bill Baker "The Rumpshaker" and Jessica, Great Scott Broadcasting's Mitch Scott, The Greene Turtle, WBOC's Lacey Griffith and Scott Abraham, Ocean 98.1's Bulldog and Hooter's Restaurant.



"The Ocean City Police Department is thrilled with the success of the Cops on Rooftops event," said Chief DiPino. "Not only did we have the support of Ocean City police officers as well as the Worcester County Sheriff's Department and Maryland State Police but we had an overwhelming support of the businesses, residents, civic organizations, our local television and radio stations, Town of Ocean City employees and neighboring law enforcement agencies. This extraordinary event was another example of how the Ocean City community works together to focus on what is truly important in life – helping others and supporting our community."

In addition to exceeding the \$5,000 goal set by the Special Olympics of Maryland, the Ocean City Police Department set a goal for Chief DiPino to eat one donut for each \$500 that was raised. To her surprise, the Dunkin' Donuts on 119<sup>th</sup> Street made her a one of a kind donut, which was the size of a small pizza. Ocean City Police Officers and several citizens enjoyed watching Chief DiPino nibble on the giant donut from the rooftop, especially for such a great cause.

The Ocean City Police Department would like to extend a special thanks to the Dunkin' Donuts on 119<sup>th</sup> Street, including Viktor Blattner, Nick and George Nistazos. In addition, a very special thanks to all officers, community members and businesses who generously donated their time.

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Quite often, citizens' hunches turn out to be valuable information to us. If you have information that you feel we should know, we encourage you to leave us e-mail.

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