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Westminster "Cops On Rooftops" Event Exceeds Goal

On the weekend of August 26th and 27th four local law enforcement leaders took to the roof of the Westminster Dunkin' Donuts for thirty hours to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics Maryland. The team comprised of Chief Jeff Spaulding (Westminster Police Department), Sheriff Jim DeWees (Carroll County Sheriff's Office), Brian DeLeonardo (Carroll County State's Attorney) and Lt. Patrick McCrory (Maryland State Police) ascended to the roof at 6:00 a.m. Saturday and remained there until noon on Sunday to accomplish their fund-raising goal of \$10,000.

The contributions have now been tallied and we are collectively pleased to announce that **\$14,700** was raised during the thirty-hour event to support the athletes of Special Olympics Maryland. State's Attorney Brian DeLeonardo stated "My colleagues and I are very pleased to have exceeded our fundraising goal for the weekend. The generosity of the people of Carroll County never ceases to amaze me, and it was on full display during our 30-hours on the roof." Chief Spaulding added "We want to thank the management and staff of Dunkin' Donuts for their support and partnership over the last eight years. This year the owner, Ram Javia, surprised us with a generous \$2,000 donation on Sunday morning. We also want to acknowledge and thank the staff and volunteers of our agencies who gave up their weekend to support this great cause. Lastly, and most importantly, we want to thank the Special Olympics athletes and their families who partnered with us for the weekend. Their energy and enthusiasm was contagious and served as a great motivator for us all. We are already looking forward to next year's event."

The Westminster "Cops On Rooftops" event is the first of six similar events being hosted by law enforcement across Maryland during 2017. This year marked the eighth "Cops On Rooftops" event here in Westminster. During that period more than \$73,500 has been raised for Special Olympics Maryland here in Westminster.

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