

# 2014 USA GAMES FINAL LEG

## TEAM 6

**Scott  
Carter**



**Virginia  
Team Leader**

**Antonio  
Bowe**



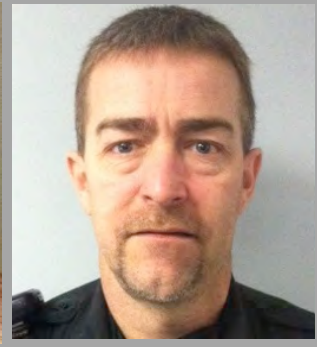
**Delaware  
Special Olympics Athlete**

**Pam  
Deguffroy**



**Pennsylvania**

**Jack  
Harris**



**Vermont**

**John  
Hohmann**



**Northern California**

**Matthew  
Koritnik**



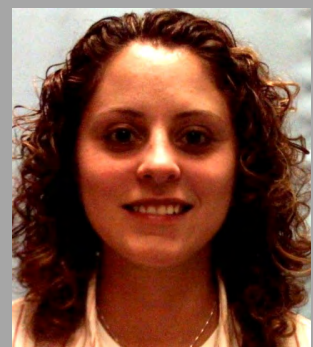
**Wyoming**

**David  
ShIPLEY**



**Colorado**

**Cherese  
Spears**



**Illinois**

**Brent  
Wilks**



**Rhode Island**

**David  
Williams**



**Minnesota**



# LETR FINAL LEG TEAM SIX

TEAM LEADER



**VIRGINIA**

**Scott Carter**

Hanover County Sheriff's Office

Scott Carter served for over 25 years with the Hanover County Sheriff's Office before retiring in 2013. He is currently working for the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond Law Enforcement Unit.

Throughout his many years in law enforcement, he has made his commitment, hard work and dedication to the Law Enforcement Torch Run visible in his own community, region and across the Commonwealth of Virginia. He began running in the Torch Run 24 years ago. He served as the Sheriff's Office liaison for 14 years and as liaison for the Region Director several times. He has served as a member of the Virginia LETR Executive Council. In 2010, he was inducted into the Virginia LETR Hall of Fame. He was also selected as Virginia's LETR Final Leg Runner for the 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETE



**DELAWARE**

**Antonio Bowe**

Although Antonio and his brother Michael both have autism, they live together independently and each holds their own job. Antonio works as a utility clerk at a Super Fresh grocery store. He has worked there for over 14 years. Antonio is physically fit and loves to run long distances. He trains by running four times per week and compliments his workout at the YMCA, either swimming or lifting weights. In addition to Special Olympics competitions, Antonio also competes in several 5K and 10K road races in the local community. For the past 18 years, Antonio has participated in Delaware's LETR Kick-Off Ceremony. This tradition began when Antonio first started running with his then coach, Corporal Danny Hall of the Delaware State Police. Corporal Hall is now Lieutenant Hall and will be representing Delaware as a Support Team member for the 2014 Final Leg.



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TORCH RUNNER



## PENNSYLVANIA

### Pam Deguffroy

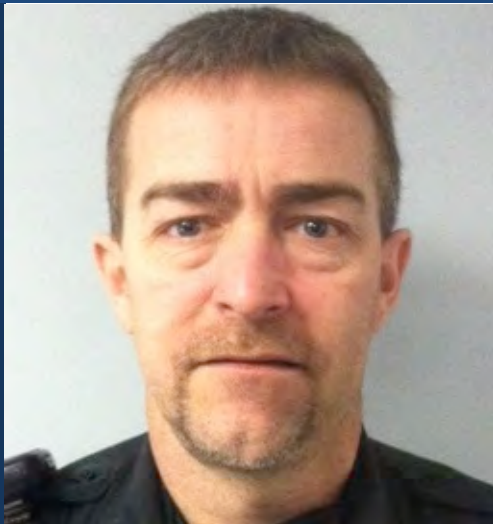
City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Police

Pamela Deguffroy is a 2nd year patrol officer for the City of Pittsburgh Police Department. In 2004, she attended Robert Morris University located in Pittsburgh PA.

She was a three year captain of RMU's Division 1 Lacrosse team. She graduated in 2009 with both a bachelors degree of Fine Arts and a masters degree of science concentrating in Instructional Leadership.

Pamela was involved in the 2011 and 2012 Polar Plunge raising money for Special Olympics. Pamela is inspired by all the athletes' true commitment to their sport. All the athletes are a true inspiration to society.

TORCH RUNNER



## VERMONT

### Jack Harris

Lyndonville Police Department

Chief Jack Harris has been a member of the Law Enforcement and LETR Community's for over twenty-four years. In 1989, Jack was hired as a member of the Middletown Police Department. He participated in his first Law Enforcement Torch Run in 1989. During his time with the Middletown Police Department, Jack was an original member of the Community Oriented Policing Squad working in the low income housing projects. Jack next received an assignment with the Street Crime Unit working as an undercover officer in the drug field. After eight years as an undercover officer, Jack became a K-9 officer for the department. In 2003, Jack was hired and relocated to Lyndonville, Vermont where he started the police department there and has held the rank of Chief since. In 2012 he was named Executive Director for the LETR in Vermont.

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## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

### John Hohmann

Scotts Valley Police Department

John has been with the Scotts Valley Police Department since 1983. He has worked patrol, motors, investigations, training and retired as a Lieutenant on December 2, 2013 after a 30 year career. John has decided to stay on with his department as a Reserve Police Officer and to stay on the Executive Committee for the Northern California Law Enforcement Torch Run. John is married to his wife Stephanie and they have two children, Jessie (13) and Preston (11). John also has two older children, Vincent (26) and Leigh (23). John's passions include motorcycle riding, running, woodworking, gardening and Special Olympics. John has been very involved with the Torch Run. He attends the Summer Games every year. He has attended several International Conferences and raised thousands of dollars for the athletes.

TORCH RUNNER



## WYOMING

### Matthew Koritnik

Lovell Police Department

Matt Koritnik has been a police officer at the Lovell Police Department in Lovell, Wyoming since 2011. In his off time he enjoys running, camping, fishing, watching sports, and spending time with his family and girlfriend. Matt first became involved with Special Olympics in 2010, when he helped volunteer at the Summer Games as an official. In 2012, Matt joined the Wyoming Law Enforcement Torch Run Council as the Region 1 Director and Leg Leader for the Torch Run. He has also helped organize the Special Olympics Wyoming Jackalope Jump. In 2013, Matt participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run and the Wyoming Special Olympics Summer Games Opening Ceremonies.

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**COLORADO**

**David Shipley**

Adams County Sheriff's Office

David Shipley is the Commander of the Administrative Services Division of Adams County Sheriff's Office in Colorado. His passion: Giving what he can to others. 37 years a peace officer, countless conflicts, incredible opportunities, one 33 year marriage to a caring, praying, beautiful woman, 3 inspiring Christian kids, and a life of Christian service. For 25 years he has run torches, collected hats and enjoyed the excited and joyous hugs of unique athletes who have become his friends. He serves relieved and grateful folks - thankful for the caring dedication of the Law Enforcement Torch Run. It humbles him to enabled devoted, loving parents to see their children realize a bright, confident future.

David is a fan, cheerleader, supporter and a laborer on behalf of some of the greatest people in the world - the athletes of Special Olympics

TORCH RUNNER



**ILLINOIS**

**Cherese Spears**

Oswego Police Department

Cherese Spears is 32 years old and lives in her hometown of Yorkville, Illinois. She lives with her mother and three amazing animals, Bella, a German Shepard Dog, Grace and Pirate, their two kittens. Cherese went to Waubensee Community College where she graduated with an Associate Degree in Applied Science. She began her career as a Police Officer for Oswego Police Department in 2003 when she was 21 years old. Continuing her education, she graduated from Benedictine University with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. Cherese has been involved with the Torch Run since 2003, and prior to that, she volunteered with the local Special Olympics organizations. She enjoys horse riding and competing in the local rodeos in her area.

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## RHODE ISLAND

### Brent Wilks

Rhode Island State Police

Brent Wilks is a Rhode Island State Trooper from Providence, RI where he works in the Uniform Division. Brent grew up with a sincere admiration for those who serve as State Troopers and strived to join their ranks. After achieving this precious dream, Brent began to find ways to serve Rhode Islanders beyond a protective capacity. Special Olympics soon became his favorite and most rewarding way to do so. Brent has a deep appreciation for the outstanding relationships between the athletes and members of law enforcement. Having had the privilege to attend the 2012 and 2013 LETR International Conferences, several State Summer Games, and a wide variety of other LETR fundraisers, Brent is honored and humbled to have been asked to run in the Final Leg. He is beyond proud of the athletes who constantly train to be and truly are, the very best in the USA.

TORCH RUNNER



## MINNESOTA

### David Williams

Olmsted County Sheriff's Office

David Williams is 29 years old and happily married to his wife with three boys, ages 8, 5 and 4 months. He has been working as a Deputy Sheriff in the Patrol Division for the Olmsted County Sheriff's Office for the past six years. As a Deputy he is also a member of the Rochester Police/Olmsted County joint Emergency Response Unit and the Joint Forensic Mapping Unit.

When David is not at work you can find him spending time with his family. He likes to go camping and enjoy the outdoors. David races in several triathlons a year and competed in his first Ironman in Louisville, KY in August 2013. If David is not training or spending time with his family he enjoys volunteering his time with one of several organizations he is passionate toward, especially Special Olympics.