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LEHI & SARATOGA SPRINGS POLICE FORCES 'FREEZIN' FOR A REASON'

Polar Plunge to Benefit Special Olympics Utah

Lehi, Utah | February 20, 2014– The Lehi and Saratoga Springs Police Departments are teaming up to host the sixth annual 'Freezin' for a Reason' Polar Plunge to support Special Olympics Utah at Pelican Bay Marina. Each year participants brave the cold to plunge into Utah Lake to raise money to support Special Olympic athletes in Utah. Members of the Lehi and Saratoga Springs Police Departments and City Councils will take the plunge this year on Saturday, February 22 beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The Saratoga Springs Police Department started the Polar Plunge in 2008 with about 60 participants and it has grown to one of the largest plunges in the state with 200 participants in 2013 that raised about \$25,000 for Special Olympics Utah. This is the first year that the Saratoga Springs and Lehi Police Departments have partnered to promote the event.



KUTV2 and members of the Police Departments at a Polar Plunge promotion

“We are excited to have the Saratoga Springs and Lehi Police Departments partner for the sixth annual Polar Plunge,” said Mayor Jim Miller of Saratoga Springs. “The Polar Plunge is a fun event for the communities to come together and raise funds to support Special Olympics Utah athletes.”

When asked about why they do this event Chief Smith of Lehi City said, “Around 40 years ago, I was on a baseball team and the bat boy on that team had a mental disability. He taught me more and did more for our team than anything else. I love working with Special Olympics because the athletes just love you and teach you how to love. You can learn compassion from them and you have to have compassion in law enforcement to be a good officer.”

Not only is the Polar Plunge a fun event, but it truly does benefit a great cause. Those interested in taking the plunge can still register online at <http://www.sout.org/> or the day of the event beginning at 9 a.m.

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