



St. Petersburg Police Department News Release



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St. Petersburg Police Officers, Command Staff and Mayor Bill Foster to Participate in the 2011 Special Olympics Florida "Polar Plunge"

Mayor Bill Foster will be joining St. Petersburg Police officers, detectives and command staff as participants in the 2011 "Polar Plunge", diving into cold water to raise money for Special Olympics Florida.

The event will take place at the Orlando Sea World's WaterPark "Aquatica" on Saturday, January 22, 2011. Opening ceremonies followed by the "Plunge" are scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m..

"Aquatica" is usually warm and tropical, but for one day only they will be icing down their wave pool so participants can experience the "thrill of the chill" while supporting a great cause.

Special Olympics Florida provides year-round sports training and competition to children and adults with intellectual disabilities at no cost to the athlete or their caregiver as a means to achieve physical fitness, self-esteem and life skills necessary to be a productive, respected and contributing members of their communities.

Participants from the St. Petersburg Police Department will be;

Major Melanie Bevan
Major Mike Kovacsev
Major Jeff Rink
Officer George Lofton
K-9 Officer Joseph Lehmann
Detective Pam Marland
Detective Mark Marland

Anyone wishing to contribute to help sponsor any one of the participating officers or Mayor Foster may visit the website <http://www.firstgiving.com/floridapolarplunge> , click "view all teams" and go to "St. Pete's Finest".

Aquatica, SeaWorld's Waterpark, is located at 5800 Water Play Way, Orlando, FL 32821

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