



Special Olympics
Minnesota



First Responder Challenge 2008
February 9th, 2008

2004 Champion – Olmsted County Sheriff's Office Dive Team

2005 Champion – Pine Island Fire Department

2006 and 2007 Champion – Dodge County Sheriff's Office

What is the Polar Bear Plunge?

Organized by the Law Enforcement Torch Run and Special Olympics Minnesota plunges are held this year in White Bear Lake, Willmar/Spicer, Duluth, St. Peter, Lakeville, Minneapolis, Brainerd, Alexandria and Rochester. All the money after expenses goes to Special Olympics in Minnesota and Special Olympics Rochester Area.

What is the 1st First Responder Challenge? Only at the Rochester Plunge!

Any Police Officer, Deputy Sheriff, Detention Officer, Ambulance Crew member, First Responder, Fire Fighter or Trooper, Corrections Officer may participate and friends of all the above. When you register sign up for the First Responder Challenge by indicating your department or organization you represent. You must plunge to qualify! The money your team raises will be divided by the number of members/officers/fire fighters in your entire department or organization.

Example: Olmsted County has 68 full and part-time POST licensed personnel. The deputies that plunge raise \$10,000 dollars would receive a score of 147.05 by dividing the number of personnel into the amount raised or one plunger representing your entire organization raises \$20,000 it would be divided by the entire organization. OCSO example – 20,000 divided by 68 equals 294.12 score.

What do we win?

All plungers will receive the appropriate plunger incentive apparel. The department or organization will receive the Rochester Polar Bear Plunge Traveling Trophy with the Organizations name engraved boldly on the Trophy and the bragging rights until they return for the next year. Bonus Prizes also for winner the Best Group Theme category in the Costume Contest.

Where is the Polar Bear Plunge?

Foster Arend Park located at East River Road & 37th Street NE

Opening Ceremonies begins at 2:15 pm. Plunge begins at 2:30 p.m. on February 9th, 2007.

Pre-registration Thursday evening, February 7th, 2008 5 to 7 pm at Whistle Binkies Olde World Pub.

Day of Registration from 11 a.m. to 3 pm at Whistle Binkies Olde World Pub. -3120 Wellner Dr NE, Rochester

To get Team packets and questions answered?

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Special Olympics Minnesota Website for online individual registration at www.specialolympicsminnesota.org

