



### **Fran Singleton, Oklahoma Highway Patrol – 2019 Tim Stafford Unsung Hero**

Fran has been involved in Special Olympics and Law Enforcement Torch Run for more than 7 years. It made a lasting impact on her life. She is continually amazed to see the athlete's determination despite their disabilities.

To watch her with a Special Olympics athlete is one of those magical moments. You can see it in her face as well as the athletes that they have both touched one another's life. She is a great example of an unsung hero. She is always the first to volunteer and help in all the little things for the torch run and the athletes. She shows up early and stays late just to be there for the athletes and their families! There has never been a time that the committee has asked her to do something for Special Olympics and she refused. She is one of those individuals that see the big picture and is a team player. She has helped OHP to new levels of fundraising and awareness. She puts in countless hours throughout the year in everything from selling t-shirts, Tip a Cops, Cops on Doughnut Shops, Super Plunges (that's Plunging 24 times!) to walking in the Craig Meyer Walk (125 miles to Stillwater!)

She is the definition of an unsung hero. Always the first to lend a hand to any athlete but to do it in a way that is not in the public eye or drawing attention. She seeks out

those athletes and families that are off to the side to give them a hug or a word of encouragement.

There is no one more dedicated to improving the lives and abilities of the athletes of Special Olympics Oklahoma. She is always about the athlete and not about herself in these efforts. Our nominee is a friend of all Special Olympics Athletes, and is truly an unsung hero. **It is my pleasure to introduce the 2019 Tim Stafford Unsung Hero, Fran Singleton.**