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DEPUTIES TAKE THE 'PLUNGE' FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Sheriff's employees volunteer at Fruita Fall Festival for good cause

Mesa County, Colorado—Throughout the weekend, the public can 'take a shot' at deputies while they are enjoying the festivities of the annual Fruita Fall Festival. There will be eleven people associated with the Sheriff's Office who will volunteer their time to man the Special Olympics booth between Friday evening and Sunday evening, which will include the dunk tank. Five sworn deputies and the PIO are offering up a chance to be dunked in the tank, for a small fee with all proceeds going to Special Olympics. The booth and dunk tank are located on the mortuary lawn near the corner of Elm and Aspen Streets in Fruita.

If the media or the public are interested in dunking anyone specific, the MCSO dunking schedule is as follows:

1. Deputy G Henderson: 9am on Saturday, Sept. 26th
2. Deputy B Carnes: noon on Saturday, Sept. 26th
3. Heather Benjamin, PIO: 1pm on Saturday, Sept. 26th
4. Deputy A Hill: 3pm on Saturday, Sept. 26th
5. Deputy N Erckman: noon on Sunday, Sept. 27th
6. Deputy J Livingston: sometime over the weekend

"Special Olympics is an organization close to our hearts here at the Sheriff's Office," Undersheriff Rebecca Spiess said. "I'm proud to have our volunteers, wives and employees participate in the dunk a cop event in Fruita this weekend."

Attached is a flyer for this event with contact information for the Special Olympics reps for our area. The media is encouraged to call them with questions about the event, or contact Benjamin directly for information about the Sheriff's Office involvement.

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