

# Emergency Response Teams Win For Special Olympics

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Emergency Response Teams from Plainfield Correctional Complex, Miami Correctional Facility and Putnamville Correctional Facility led the way in the 2007 Fed Ex Plane Pull Challenge for Special Olympics Indiana. The teams gathered at the Indianapolis International Airport early Saturday morning, August 11, for a fundraising event that pit 40 teams of up to 20 people from all over Indiana in a tug-of-war competition against a FedEx Boeing 727 aircraft weighing more than 147,000 pounds.

The teams raised \$3,953 dollars in donations for Special Olympics and topped it off with impressive first, second and fifth place wins for the Public Safety Division and placed in the overall and lightest weight divisions.

## Public Safety

Putnamville Correctional Facility (7.728 seconds)

Miami Correctional Facility (7.989 seconds)  
Plainfield Correctional Complex (10.262 seconds)

The Putnamville team also received additional trophies from our Department for the fastest time on the plane pull and collecting the most donations.

Emergency Response Operations congratulates all the teams that participated and all those that sponsored them by their donations.

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## **Plane Pull History**

Trademarked as a fundraising event unique to Special Olympics programs throughout the United States, the FedEx Plane Pull® Challenge got its start in Indiana in 2002 through the inspiration of FedEx Senior Ramp Tower Controller and Special Olympics Indiana volunteer Eric Garrett. After hearing of Special Olympics Virginia's success with its own Plane Pull event, Garrett introduced the idea to Special Olympics Indiana. The Indiana Plane Pull grew from about 15 teams in 2002 to more than 30 in 2006.

## **About Special Olympics Indiana**

Special Olympics Indiana is a not-for-profit organization that provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in over 21 Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, reaching more than 12,000 athletes across Indiana. The organization receives no federal- or state-appropriated funds, is not a United Way agency and relies entirely on corporate, civic and individual donations. For more information about Special Olympics Indiana, call (317) 328-2000 or visit <http://www.soindiana.org>.

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