



# Jumping for a good cause

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Police and civilians will be sky diving in southern New Jersey again this July to raise funds for Special Olympics.

The third annual Cops, United, Free Falling Spectacular (CUFFS) is open to the public. It will be held July 12 at Cross Keys Airport in Monroe Township, Gloucester County and is being sponsored by the PBA of Southern Camden County, Local 362, and Freefall Adventure, which will donate profits from the sky dives to the Special Olympics.

Last year's event raised nearly \$10,000, more than double the amount raised the first year and Berlin Ptl. Albert Clements hopes to surpass the \$10,000 mark this year. Some 160 people made tandem jumps with a certified instructor, including many first responders as well as civilians.

In addition to the skydiving, which can be videotaped for the participant, there will be entertainment for children and families, including an opportunity to "Dunk the Cop." Fire, first aid, and police equipment and vehicles will be on display.

Local merchants have donated services and merchandise. Food and drink will be available and Special Olympics athletes will eat for free. All money raised that day will go to the local chapter of Special Olympics. Clements, who is an avid sky diver and will make several jumps that day, has a brother and sister

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in Special Olympics.

"It is just nice to know all the money will go to activities for the Special Olympics right here in our community," he said.

Most of the people sky diving that day will probably be first timers, Clements said.

"I have never had anyone who has tried it say they were sorry," he said.

Additional information about the event, registration forms and donation information can be found at [www.cuffsevents.org](http://www.cuffsevents.org) or by calling 856-629-7553. The sky dive is \$170 and with a video of the jump it is \$265. Donations can be made to PBA 362 Sky Dive Charity, P.O. Box 27, Berlin, NJ 08009.

In the interest of full disclosure, after two years of trying to talk this reporter into making the sky dive, Clements has finally succeeded. New Jersey Cops will sponsor my jump and I will report back on the adventure in the August issue of New Jersey Cops. ♥