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National Night Out

The 28th Annual National Night Out, a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 2nd, 2011. Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 15,110 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, over 36 million people participated in National Night Out 2010.

National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, cities, towns and neighborhoods \celebrate\ National Night Out with a variety of events and activities such as:

- Block parties,
- Cookouts, and
- Visits from local law enforcement.

National Night Out has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer nation. Plus, the benefits your community will derive from National Night Out will most certainly extend well beyond the one night.

Neighborhoods wishing to participate in National Night Out must complete a City of Lancaster Residential Block Party Permit. The permit may be obtained from the Mayor's Office of Special Events (MOOSE) at City Hall, or on the MOOSE website:

<http://www.lancastercityevents.com/permits.html>

Permit applications must be returned to City Hall before Tuesday, July 19th, 2011.

Any questions regarding National Night Out may be directed to Lancaster City Police Sergeant Timothy Frey, at (717) 735-3481.

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