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National Night Out – August 5th

Douglas County Sheriff's Office To Join Jurisdictions Nationwide For 'America's Night Out Against Crime'

On Tuesday, August 5th, neighborhoods throughout Douglas County are invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "25th Annual National Night Out" (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, will involve over 11,000 communities from all 50 states.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime, drug and violence prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know the neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The evening of August 5th, residents in neighborhoods throughout Douglas County and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and law enforcement. Many neighborhoods throughout Douglas County will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from law enforcement, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities and anticrime rallies. If you need help planning an event, visit the National Night Out Website at www.nno.org.

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office is committed to working with neighborhoods to prevent crime and will be visiting those hosting events on August 5th. If you are in the primary patrol jurisdiction of our office and would like us to join you, contact the Douglas County Sheriff's Office at (402) 444-7470 to make an appointment.