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Press Release

Today's Date: June 7, 2012
Date & Time Occurred: Tuesday, August 7, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Submitted By: Crime Prevention Coordinator Gretchen Ash
Phone: 707-449-5432
Type of Crime/Incident: National Night Out
Location: Vacaville: Entire City



Get Ready for National Night Out 2012

NNO brings together citizens, police and fire personnel, neighborhood organizations, and local officials to promote community partnerships and take a stand together against crime.

National Night Out is a unique community event, celebrated in the United States and Canada, which focuses on prevention of crime and drug activity, and is held the first Tuesday of August every year. This year, NNO falls on **August 7th**.

Last year's National Night Out included 37 million people in 15,449 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide.

National Night Out is designed to:

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

It is a well-known fact that neighborhoods where people know each other and look out for each other have less crime. This is a night for Vacaville to stand together to promote awareness, safety, and neighborhood unity. National Night Out showcases the importance of police, fire and community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight to build a safer Vacaville.

Criminal activity can be reported at www.cityofvacaville.com/departments/police, or you can call "Crime Stoppers" and leave an anonymous tip at 707-644-STOP(7867). Crime Stoppers may pay up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest.



Once you register for the event, you are eligible to receive visits from employees of the City of Vacaville which may include Police, Fire, Community Services, and Council members. You may even get a fun visit from McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog or Sparky the Fire Mascot along with other community mascots. Remember, you must fill out a registration application in order to receive a visit.

You do not have to be a neighborhood watch group to participate in National Night Out. Events usually range in size from small block party gatherings among neighbors to larger events that are held at schools, recreation centers, and even parks. Plan a pot luck BBQ, Ice Cream Social or Pizza Party and just get together!

If you are a local business owner and would like to participate by visiting with some of our citizens at their events or by donating items for goodie bags, please let us know! This is a great way to promote your company and to also remind everyone to "Shop Vacaville!"

For more information, or to receive an application, please contact Gretchen Ash at 707-449-5432 or gash@cityofvacaville.com. You may also download an application at <http://www.ci.vacaville.ca.us/departments/police> under "forms and flyers".