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National Night Out 2003 – August 5th

The National Association of Town Watch (NATW) has announced that the “20th Annual National Night Out (NNO) program will culminate on Tuesday, August 5, 2003.

Any municipality, law enforcement agency, crime prevention organization, community group or neighborhood association that was not officially registered with NATW for Night Out 2002 is invited to contact NATW now to receive information on National Night Out 2003.

There is no cost to register or participate. Once registered with NATW, local coordinators receive an organizational kit full of ‘how-to’ materials including planning suggestions, sample new releases, artwork, and promotional guides – and interim updates throughout the year.

NNO 2002 involved 33 million people in 9,800 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide. National Night Out 2003 is expected to be even larger.

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

Along with the traditional outside lights and front porch vigils, most cities and towns now celebrate National Night Out with a variety of special citywide and neighborhood events such as: block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from local law enforcement, safety fairs, and youth events.

Don't delay! Organizing in most communities begins early in the year. For free registration material call 1-800-NITE OUT or visit the National Night Out web site at www.nationalnightout.org

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