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SUFFOLK NATIONAL NIGHT OUT COMMUNITY APPRECIATION CEREMONY SCHEDULED

SUFFOLK, VA (August 13, 2018) The City of Suffolk National Night Out Community Appreciation Ceremony is set for Tuesday, August 20th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, located in Suffolk City Hall, 442 West Washington Street. Celebrated on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, Suffolk's National Night Out festivities saw over 150 communities, civic leagues, churches and businesses partner together to hold cookouts, block parties, and various types of gatherings to say "No to Crime".

All participating communities and official motorcade tour volunteers will receive certificates recognizing their hard work in helping make this year's National Night Out an overwhelming success.

Community Event Coordinators are requested to return their provided National Night Out banner by bringing them to the Ceremony to later be recycled/repurposed into useful items courtesy of an exciting new project with Public Works – Litter Control and the Suffolk Art Gallery. More details on this project will follow in the future.

Suffolk's theme for 2019 was "*Lock It ...Don't Lose It*". This campaign was designed to remind citizens of the importance of locking their vehicles – one of the easiest things

they can do to avoid becoming a crime victim, not to mention a step they can take that also has a direct impact on our overall crime statistics.

Suffolk has placed first in the Nation five times for National Night Out (2008, 2009, 2014, 2016 and 2018) and has finished in the top five in the Nation for thirteen straight years, including a second place finish in 2015 and 2017 for our population category. This year's event was the biggest and best ever due to overwhelming community support.

National Night Out is a national event which strengthens relationships between the public and public safety agencies. The main goal of National Night Out is to bring people together in an effort to eliminate crime.

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