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SUFFOLK BRINGS HOME TOP NATIONAL NIGHT OUT HONORS

SUFFOLK, VA (December 7, 2016) For the fourth time in nine years, the City of Suffolk's National Night Out event was named best in the nation among communities with a population of 50,000 to 100,000 residents by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). Suffolk's 2016 edition of National Night Out saw thousands of individual citizens, neighborhoods, civic groups, businesses, City employees, and City public safety personnel gather to celebrate and say no to crime.

The City of Suffolk had previously received the number one ranking in 2008, 2009, and 2014. This is the 11th straight year the City of Suffolk has placed in the top 5 in the nation for National Night Out. Suffolk is also the highest ranking City/County in the State of Virginia and one of only two Hampton Roads Cities/Counties to place Nationally (Smithfield, Virginia - #21 in Category 5).

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In the individual neighborhood/community category, National Night Out – Obici was one of seven such groups in the nation to receive an award and recognition for their event.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. This event enhances the relationships between neighbors and first responders while bringing back a true sense of community and provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

National Night Out 2017 is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1, 2017. For more information on Suffolk's National Night Out events, visit www.suffolknno.com or www.facebook.com/SuffolkVaNNO

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