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SUFFOLK'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT READY TO GO

SUFFOLK, VA (July 31, 2017) National Night Out is a special day in the City of Suffolk where citizens and all members of public safety gather together to say "NO" to crime with a variety of block parties, cook-outs, and mini-festivals dotting the City's landscape.

Scheduled for Tuesday, August 1st, over 150 communities, homeowner's associations, civic organizations, neighborhoods, churches and business sponsors are partnering to make this year's event extra special!

Suffolk's National Night Out opens with a Kick-Off event scheduled for 5:30 p.m. at the Pavilion at the Suffolk Visitor Center, 524 North Main Street. Mayor Linda Johnson, Police Chief Thomas Bennett, and Fire Chief Cedric Scott will be among the dignitaries to help christen the evening's fun. Following the ceremony, four groups in nine motorcade units will venture out across the City of Suffolk to visit the registered parties and enjoy the NNO fun.

To find a community party near you, visit the Suffolk National Night Out website at www.suffolknno.com. Suffolk finished first in the nation in 2016 in our population category, bringing our grand total to four first place finishes in national judging!

National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), and co-sponsored locally by the Suffolk Police Department, will involve over literally millions people in tens of thousands communities across the United States, U.S. Territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. National Night Out is designed to:

- heighten crime, drug and violence prevention awareness;
- generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts;
- strengthen neighborhood unity and spirit, as well as enhance police - community partnerships;
- send a message to criminals, letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Lock your doors, turn on your porch lights, and join your friends and neighbors tomorrow night to show that Suffolk truly is united and dedicated to building a safer, more caring city!

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