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SUFFOLK NATIONAL NIGHT OUT HONORED ON NATIONAL LEVEL

SUFFOLK, VA (December 7, 2017) Suffolk's annual National Night Out celebration is a great measure for what a community event should be. While residents, businesses, public safety personnel, and City staff know how special Suffolk's event is, it is a mark of community pride when we are recognized nationally. The National Association of Town Watch (NATW) awarded Suffolk a second place national honor among communities with a population of 50,000 to 100,000 residents.

The 2017 Suffolk National Night Out celebration featured communities, neighbors, civic groups, and businesses joining together to say no to crime. Suffolk has ranked first in the nation in our category in 2008, 2009, 2014 and 2016. This is the 12th 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.

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

On the first Tuesday night of every August, neighborhoods all across Suffolk's 430 square miles join forces with thousands of communities for the Annual National Night Out (NNO) crime, drug, and gang awareness event. Sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by the Suffolk Police Department, millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August (Texas celebrates on the first Tuesday in October).

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

National Night Out 2018 is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, 2018. For more information on Suffolk's National Night Out events, visit www.suffolknno.com or www.facebook.com/SuffolkVaNNO

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