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SUFFOLK GEARS UP FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Suffolk, VA (July 28, 2009) With National Night Out (NNO) just a week away, Suffolk is ramping up its National Night Out activities. Join the National Night Out Committee on Friday, July 31 from 5-9 p.m. at Suffolk's TGIF with the Rhondels at Bennett's Creek Park. Visit the National Night Out Booth for safety information, giveaways and fun for the family during the band's break. Too late to sign up your community to be included in this year's motorcade tour, but you can find out the location of the party nearest you to make plans to come out and celebrate with your neighbors on National Night Out.

Sunday, August 2nd, is designated as National Night Out Sunday. Citizens are invited to join together as one and pray for our youth, communities, our military and the law enforcement officers who protect us. Special National Night Out information cards are provided for citizens to place in offertory baskets to address specific issues or concerns within their communities.

August 2nd is also National Kids' Day, and we'll be celebrating with a Pre-National Night Out Pep Rally at Peanut Park from 2- 5:00 pm. Local Public Safety Partners will be out in full force with Child Safety Seat Inspections, Fire Safety House, state-of-the-art Child Identification Program, and lots of helpful safety information. Sponsored by Suffolk Parks & Recreation, food and all activities are free and include a bounce house, clowns, face painting, and lots of old fashioned fun.

August 4th is the big day, National Night Out. Suffolk will kick-off our official celebration of National Night Out with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the new Police Administration Building. At 5:30 pm that evening, we'll be gathering there to hear from our public safety partners and city officials before we depart on our motorcade tours visiting parties, cookouts and celebrations all over Suffolk's 430 square miles. National Night Out continues to grow in Suffolk and this year there will be eight tours to cover the fifty-two communities/businesses participating.

Last year the City of Suffolk's National Night Out submission placed 1st in nationwide judging. Suffolk was the highest ranking city in Virginia and the only city in Hampton Roads to win a national award. Suffolk hopes for similar results this year.

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