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### **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AWARDS & APPRECIATION CEREMONY**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (August 27, 2010) The dust has finally settled, and National Night Out 2010 will go down in the record books in Suffolk as being the largest, most attended “going away party for crime” in our city’s history. More than 60 communities, civic leagues, homeowner’s associations and businesses came together on August 3, 2010 to show their support and belief that no program to reduce and prevent crime can succeed or have lasting influence without full involvement of the people in the community. Thousands of people gathered at block parties, cookouts, ice cream socials and neighborhood parades across Suffolk’s 430 square miles that evening in a show of solidarity with public safety officials.

The public is invited to attend an Awards and Appreciation Ceremony on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers at 441 Market Street. Awards will be presented to National Night Out participants in categories including best Community, Combined Community, Business and Rookie of the Year designations as determined by a panel of judges who visited each event.

The city’s National Night Out 2010 Committee is in the process of preparing a submission video and scrapbook highlighting citywide events over the past year for submission to the National Association of Town Watch, and hope to bring back a first in the nation trophy for Suffolk for the third straight year.

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