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### **SUFFOLK BRINGS HOME NATIONAL NIGHT OUT HONORS**

SUFFOLK, VA (January 16, 2014) The City of Suffolk's 2013 National Night Out celebration was tabbed as the 4<sup>th</sup> best National Night Out event in the Nation among communities with a population of 50,000 to 99,000 residents (Category 3). This award marks the 8<sup>th</sup> straight year the City of Suffolk has placed in the top 5 in the Nation for National Night Out.

Suffolk is the highest ranking City/County in the State of Virginia and one of only three Virginia Cities/Counties to place Nationally (James City County #33 in Category 3, Smithfield - #46 in Category 5).

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, this annual event involves over 37 million people in 10,000 communities in 50 states, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide.

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 2014 is scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 2014. For more information on Suffolk's National Night Out events, visit [www.suffolknno.org](http://www.suffolknno.org) or [www.facebook.com/SuffolkVaNNO](https://www.facebook.com/SuffolkVaNNO).

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