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National Night Out block parties set for Tuesday, Oct. 3 *Cookouts and meet-and-greets attended by first responders*

MURPHY (September 22, 2017) The annual opportunity for residents in Murphy neighborhoods to get to know one another in a relaxed setting, share a burger or hot dog and meet members of the Murphy Police and Fire Departments is set for the evening of Tuesday, Oct. 3.

“Our purpose is to encourage neighbors who live side-by-side to get to know each other, trust each other and look out for each other,” says Detective Brad Taylor, National Night Out coordinator for Murphy. “Police and Fire personnel along with some elected officials will go from location to location that evening, visiting those block parties we are aware of.”

National Night Out (NNO) is a chance for people to lock their doors, turn on their lights and spend an evening outdoors, enjoying each other’s company and holding block parties, cookouts, and outdoor games.

The evening’s festivities are cosponsored by the City of Murphy, the Murphy Police Department’s Crime Watch Group, and Murphy Fire Rescue. Other sponsors include Chick-Fil-A, Sprouts, PDQ Fresh Tenders, Raising Cane’s, East Plano Costco, and Honey Baked Hams.

NNO block parties are designed to build rapport between citizens and public safety personnel, improve and deepen trust, allow for social interaction within neighborhoods and strengthen confidence in the capabilities of the City’s public safety network.

“This is the best way to meet your neighbors and interact with police and fire personnel,” said Taylor. “What we want to avoid is people having to meet neighbors and first responders during an emergency. It’s much better for everyone to meet during a block party.”

Individuals, neighbors or neighborhood associations host these parties and alert the Police Department of the time and location by registering their event. The City assists with some materials and technical assistance and schedules visits from public safety personnel. Officers and firefighters will arrive, mix with local residents, answer questions, provide advice and distribute contact information. First responders will be visiting registered block parties between 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. that evening.

Anyone wishing to obtain assistance or to alert the Police Department of their event should contact either Detective Taylor at 972-468-4200 or Kim Gann at 972-468-4211.

A registration form is available at <http://murphytx.org/documentcenter/view/99>. Information is also available on Facebook. Search for Murphy Police.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 19,330, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income above the state average. With more than 70 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a country feel while exhibiting an aggressive economic development stance. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.