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National Night Out block parties set for Tuesday, Oct. 5 *Meet-and-greets attended by first responders*

MURPHY (August 26, 2021) This year's National Night Out is set for Tuesday, Oct. 5 when residents can meet their neighbors, greet first responders, and share in making a commitment to the safety and security of their neighborhood.

"They might also enjoy a burger or hot dog," says Murphy Police Chief Trey Cotten. "Many Murphy neighborhoods make National Night Out fun and entertaining by staging cookouts, setting up games, and creating a welcoming atmosphere. After more than a year of social distancing, neighbors are ready and anxious to reconnect. National Night Out is the perfect way to do that."

National Night Out 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. Police and Fire personnel, along with some elected officials, will go from location to location that evening, visiting those block parties that register with the City.

A registration form is available at <https://secure.rec1.com/TX/murphy-tx/catalog>. Once on that webpage, event planners should click on the yellow "Special Events" tab. An account with the Murphy Recreation Department, which is free, must be used to register the event. Neighborhoods and HOAs planning on hosting an event are encouraged to register it on the website, since public safety personnel will arrange their visits to registered events only.

"These 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," added the Chief. "Meeting Police and Fire personnel at a block party is far preferable to meeting these public safety professionals during a real-life emergency."

Officers and firefighters will arrive at registered events, mix with local residents, answer questions, provide advice and distribute contact information. First responders will be visiting registered block parties between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. that evening.

Anyone seeking advice on how to plan their event, or to get help registering their event, should contact Officer Brandon Quimbey at bquimbey@murphytx.org or by calling 972-468-4208. Information is also available on Facebook by searching for Murphy Police Department.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 20,010, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income well above the state average. With more than 80 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a family-oriented community with a strong sense of place. 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.