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National Night Out block parties set for Tuesday, Oct. 4 *First responders to attend registered meet-and-greets*

MURPHY (September 8, 2022) This year's National Night Out is set for Tuesday, Oct. 4 when residents can meet their neighbors, greet first responders, and share in making a commitment to the safety and security of their neighborhoods.

"We strongly encourage neighbors to participate in National Night Out because it promotes relationships among residents, business owners, and local government officials," says Murphy Police Chief Chris Chandler. "First responders and the people they serve can meet in a non-threatening atmosphere and work together to strengthen these relationships which are vital to the overall health of our community."

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. 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 exclusively to registered events.

"NNO provides a forum that neighbors can use to promote crime prevention among themselves. We know that crime is reduced when neighbors report a suspicious car, an individual who appears out-of-place, or something that doesn't quite fit. The confidence to pick up the phone and call law enforcement is a natural outcome of these National Night Out events. Once engaged, our officers can then take appropriate action, if necessary," added the Chief.

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.