



NEWS RELEASE

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – AUGUST 2nd DESERT HOT SPRINGS TO JOIN CITIES NATIONWIDE FOR **'AMERICA'S NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME'**

On Tuesday, August 2nd, neighborhoods throughout Desert Hot Springs are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "28th Annual National Night Out" (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by the Desert Hot Springs Police Department, will involve communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 6 to 9 p.m. on August 2nd, residents in neighborhoods throughout Desert Hot Springs and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Neighborhoods throughout Desert Hot Springs are encouraged to host a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, youth activities, contests, flashlight walks and anti crime rallies.

All of us at the City of Desert Hot Springs and the Desert Hot Springs Police Department would like to thank all the participants who make "National Night Out" such a success. We again encourage businesses, residents, and neighborhood watch groups to participate this year to make it even better. Please let us know about your event so we can come meet you.

For more information, contact: National Night Out website: <http://www.nationalnightout.org/>

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