



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TOWN WATCH

TO: Law Enforcement Agencies, Crime Watch Groups,
City Officials, Community Organizations

RE: **National Night Out 2006 * August 1st**
America's Night Out Against Crime

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Dear Crime Prevention Coordinators & Community Leaders:

The "23rd Annual National Night Out" (NNO), a unique crime prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), has been scheduled for **Tuesday, August 1, 2006**. We cordially invite you and your community to be part of our NIGHT OUT 2006 team.

Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from 10,750 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, 34.8 million people participated in NNO 2005. This year's "23rd Annual NNO" will be the largest ever!

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

Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, cities, towns and neighborhoods 'celebrate' NNO with a variety of events and activities such as: block parties, cookouts, visits from local police and fire department, parades, flashlight walks, contests and youth programs. NNO has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer nation. Plus, the benefits your community will derive from NNO will most certainly extend well beyond the one night.

The Official NNO 2006 Registration Form is enclosed. Simply complete and return the Form as soon as possible. (Note: There is no cost to register or participate!)

Once registered, coordinators receive an ORGANIZATIONAL KIT filled with 'how-to' materials such as: promotional ideas, guidelines, tips, Q&A's, camera-ready art, sample news releases and proclamations, etc. You will also receive NNO "Updates" during the period leading up to the event. Plus, you'll receive information on "Project 365" — a unique component to the National Night Out campaign.

Don't delay. Be sure your community is part of the nation's largest, annual crime and drug prevention event. Complete and return the enclosed Registration Form today. Your NNO 2006 Organizational Kit will be mailed out shortly after we receive your Form.

Thank you in advance for your interest, support and early response.

Sincerely,

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