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Create a safer neighborhood with a party

Portlanders are encouraged to celebrate National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7, 2012, by hosting a party, gathering, or get-together to connect or reconnect with neighbors.

National Night Out promotes crime and drug prevention in neighborhoods the first Tuesday in August every year, for the last 29 years. When neighbors gather and know one another it sends a message to criminals that the neighborhood is strong, organized, and people care what happens.

"It's a marvelous and fun way to get neighbors in an area out to meet one another, especially when you have new families," says Dave Hillman, a National Night Out party host in the Mt. Tabor neighborhood and the founder of a Foot Patrol. "It's also a great way to meet and interact with neighborhood police officers and firefighters."

Knowing who lives around you, and being in tune with your neighborhood, is an important step in safety and crime prevention. Who can you turn to if a drug house is noticed on a street, if snow shut down the city, or if there is an emergency in your home? In these situations it's important that people can rely on their neighbors.

"Criminals want to be anonymous, to go unnoticed," says Stephanie Reynolds, Crime Prevention Program Manager. "When neighbors look out for one another, pay attention to what is happening on their street and report crime, it goes a long way towards creating a safe neighborhood."

"I encourage people to participate in the events happening around Portland on August 7th," says Police Chief Mike Reese. "National Night Out is a great way to build community, and an important opportunity to show you care about your neighborhood."

Last year National Night Out involved 37 million people across the United States, Canada and military bases around the world, with over 160 parties right here in Portland. Portland's National Night Out is coordinated by the Office of Neighborhood Involvement Crime Prevention Program in partnership with neighborhood district coalition offices, the Police Bureau, Fire and Rescue, Emergency Management, Parks and Recreation, Development Services, and many others.

Be part of this national event, have some fun with your neighbors, and create a safer community – participate in National Night Out on August 7th! Parties can be registered through **July 24** at www.portlandonline.com/oni/nno or by calling 503-823-4064. More information can also be found online.

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