

What is National Night Out?

It's America's *Night Out* Against Crime!

The "26th Annual National Night Out" (NNO), a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the [National Association of Town Watch](#) (NATW), has been scheduled for **Tuesday, August 4, 2009** (Texas will celebrate on October 6th, 2009). We cordially invite you and your community to [be a part of our NIGHT OUT 2009 team](#).

Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, over **37 million** people participated in National Night Out 2008.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- 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 sheriff departments
- parades, exhibits,
- 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 [2009 NNO Registration form](#) is available on this site. Simply complete the online form and submit it. (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
- questions and answers
- camera-ready art
- sample news releases and proclamations

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/drug prevention event. Complete and submit the [NNO 2009 Registration form](#) today.

National Night Out — A Great Value

There are no financial barriers to participating in National Night Out. That always has been our commitment, but in today's difficult economy, it's worth highlighting . We know communities and local law enforcement agencies are being asked to justify every expense. National Association of Town Watch (NATW), the sponsoring organization of National Night Out, partners with Target Corporation and law enforcement agencies to make sure there are no financial barriers to participating in National Night Out. NATW continues to operate as a lean organization. We are thoughtful about how every dollar is spent, working year-round to help city governments, police departments and grassroots organizers make their National Night Out events successful and their communities better places to live.