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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

On Tuesday, August 3rd, neighborhoods throughout St. Charles Parish are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 27th Annual National Night Out Against Crime/Drug Prevention event. National Night Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by Sheriff Greg Champagne and the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office.

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

This year's theme is **'Giving Crime & Drugs A Going Away Party.'** **From 6 to 9 PM on August 3rd, homeowners, apartment dwellers and businesses are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights for security and spend the evening with their neighbors and police outdoors demonstrating solidarity against crime.**

National Night Out is an ideal opportunity for citizens and law enforcement nationwide to form powerful partnerships in the fight for a safer America. On August 4th, millions will join forces to Give Crime & Drugs A Going Away Party.

If your neighborhood is planning a Night Out Party, please call Susie Gauthier at 783-1355 to register.