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National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 3, 2021, neighborhoods throughout Kearney are invited to join forces with the thousands of communities nationwide for the “**38th 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 Kearney Police Department, will involve over 16,790 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all, over 38.6 million people are expected to participate in “America’s Night out against Crime”.

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.

“National Night Out was created with the goal of getting people out of their homes to talk to their neighbors,” said Police Chief Bryan Waugh. “It is crucial for neighbors to connect with each other as well as for our officers to be out in the community and foster positive relationships with Kearney residents.”

This year we invite community members to get out and join their neighbors by coming together for a cook out or yard game – anything that brings the neighborhood together. If you would like an officer to stop by your event, email kearneypolice@kearneygov.org with your name, contact information, location of event, and approximate number of people. From 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm officers will be available to join your event for this remarkable evening of community togetherness and to help establish partnerships that are meaningful to Kearney and all of our community.

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