

National Night Out - Register your neighborhood today!

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WHAT: National Night Out 2016

WHO: Ventura Police Department and Ventura Community

WHEN: Tuesday, August 2, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

WHERE: Neighborhoods Throughout the City of Ventura

HOW: Register your neighborhood or group by July 27, 2016
by emailing abautista@venturapd.org or calling 805-339-4317

Registration is now open for *National Night Out*. Your neighborhood is invited to participate with many other neighborhoods across the country in celebration of *National Night Out* on Tuesday evening, **August 2, 2016**. Deadline for registration by phone at 805-339-4317 or email abautista@venturapd.org is **July 27, 2016**.

National Night Out is a crime and drug prevention event that is sponsored nationally by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Ventura Police Department. This year is the 33rd anniversary of *National Night Out* with over 38 million people across the country expected to participate. The evening provides an opportunity to bring police and neighbors together.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts; (2) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships; and (3) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and watching out for one another.

From **5 PM to 9 PM** on **August 2, 2016**, residents in neighborhoods throughout Ventura and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend an evening outside with neighbors and police. Neighborhoods, Community Groups and/or Community Councils are encouraged to come together to host a variety of events ranging from simple front yard neighborhood chats, small potlucks and BBQs to large neighborhood gatherings. Some additional event ideas include, but are not limited to, ice cream socials, disaster preparedness, games, contests, discussing neighborhood issues or setting neighborhood goals, food or clothing donations, plan a clean-up day, beautify a common area, discuss or plan a Neighborhood Watch Program. It is an opportunity to be creative, have fun and celebrate your neighborhood!

The Ventura Police Department is a nationally registered participant of *National Night Out*. Registration is free and gives the police department an opportunity to attend local events as time and circumstances permit. For more information and to register contact Civic Engagement Specialist Ashley Bautista at 805-339-4317 or abautista@venturapd.org.

