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The Ventura Police and Fire Departments are proud to announce an upcoming community block party

Ventura, Calif. — Ventura residents are invited to join the Ventura Police and Fire Departments for a free, community block party from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 20, 2022. This family-friendly event will be hosted at the Police and Fire Headquarters, located at 1425 Dowell Drive in Ventura.

Activities at the public safety event will feature multiple K9 demonstrations, a Jaws of Life vehicle extrication demo, fire extinguisher game, a hands-on CSI experience, a kid's firefighter challenge course, child fingerprinting, station tours, coloring contests, face painting, trivia, and more.

"We are opening our doors and exterior gates and welcoming our community into our headquarters," said Police Chief Darin Schindler. "This is an opportunity to engage in relationship building with local police officers, firefighters, dispatchers, and elected officials and have fun learning about crime prevention and fire safety."

Residents and children will have the opportunity to see patrol cars, motorcycles, fire engines, the SWAT rescue vehicle, a helicopter, K9s, and various emergency response vehicles. Participants will also learn about a wide variety of safety topics and experience interactive games and demonstrations.

Snacks will be provided. Food trucks will also be on site with meals for purchase.

"Community engagement is more critical than ever," said Fire Chief David Endaya. "We want to connect with our residents and businesses to continue strengthening local relationships so residents know our team and so we can better communicate fire prevention and safety information."

To learn more about the public safety block party, visit www.CityofVentura.ca.gov/BlockParty.

This event is funded by the Ventura Police Community Foundation. Learn more about the local nonprofit at www.VenturaPoliceFoundation.org.

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