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The Ventura Police and Fire Departments partner to host community block party

Ventura, Calif. — Ventura residents are invited to join the Ventura Police and Fire Departments for the Public Safety Community Block Party from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 26, 2023. This free event, hosted at the Police and Fire Headquarters at 1425 Dowell Drive, is open to the public and promises an afternoon filled with unique family-friendly activities.

“We received tremendous feedback after last year’s event and are excited to offer an inclusive space to foster positive relationships with local police officers, firefighters, and elected officials,” said Police Chief Darin Schindler. “By inviting residents into a traditionally very private facility, we hope to demystify police operations and improve trust.”

Activities at the public safety event will feature multiple K9 demonstrations, a Jaws of Life vehicle extrication, a 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.

Residents and children will also enjoy exploring patrol cars, motorcycles, fire engines, the SWAT rescue vehicle, a search and rescue helicopter, and various emergency response vehicles. Participants will learn about different safety topics and experience interactive games and demonstrations.

“This event allows us to showcase the equipment and skills we utilize daily to keep our community safe,” said Fire Chief David Endaya. “We want to empower residents with knowledge to prevent emergencies and know how to respond. Activities offered will prioritize fire prevention and personal safety, so community members of all ages leave with valuable takeaways.”

At the block party, snacks will be provided, and an array of local food trucks will provide meals available for purchase.

To learn more about the Public Safety Community Block Party, visit CityofVentura.ca.gov/BlockParty.

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

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