



Police Foundation: Don't Miss "National Night Out" - August 5th

by Tom Murphy (July 2014)

Palm Beach Gardens citizens, law enforcement personnel, firefighters, businesses, youth organizations and local officials will all be coming together on **Tuesday, August 5th, 2014 for the 31st Annual "Night Out Against Crime"** at the city's municipal complex on Military Trail from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

National Night Out, "America's Night Out Against Crime", started in 1984 as an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and to send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Highlights interspersed throughout the evening will include live demonstrations by the Police Department's

- SWAT team
- K9 unit
- Motorcycle unit
- Crime Scene unit (CSI)

There will be fun for the entire family with live music; face painting for children, food vendors, and public safety exhibits for all ages to enjoy.

Also participating in the event will be the

- Palm Beach Gardens Fire Department
- Florida Highway Patrol
- U.S. Marshals Service
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission
- the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
- and many, many more.

The event is free and sponsored by the **Palm Beach Gardens Police Foundation**. Parents are encouraged to bring the entire family – however please leave your pets at home as they are not allowed in City parks.

Sponsored by the Police Foundation in partnership with local business leaders and the Palm Beach Gardens Police Department, National Night Out is a community crime and safety event organized nationally by the National Association of Town Watch.

The overall objective of the event is to “give crime a going-away party” and to send the message that Palm Beach Gardens is dedicated to building a stronger, safer city. National Night Out is part of a larger community-wide outreach program sponsored by the Foundation to heighten crime prevention awareness, generate support for local anti-crime programs and strengthen the police-community partnership.

The Police Foundation recognizes how important strong neighborhoods are to a city and realizes that safety issues can most effectively be addressed at the neighborhood level. Events such as this are designed to reinforce the relationship between the police and the community and build upon the hand-in-hand partnership that is so important to lower crime rates.

Questions about National Night Out should be directed to Sergeant Paul Rogers of the Community Involvement Unit. He can be reached at 561 799-4548 or at progers@pbgfl.com

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