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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT SET FOR AUGUST 4

WAKE FOREST, NC – July 14, 2009 – On Tuesday, Aug. 4, Wake Forest-area residents are invited to join the [Wake Forest Police Department](#), Target, and thousands of communities across the United States for the 26th Annual National Night Out.

National Night Out (NNO) teams law enforcement agencies with citizens, community leaders, civic groups, and local businesses to promote safe, healthy neighborhoods. NNO is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The Wake Forest Police Department and Target, the national sponsor for NNO, are marking the occasion by hosting a “National Night Out Parking Lot Party” at the Wake Forest SuperTarget, 12000 Retail Drive. The free event will be held from 5 pm until 9 pm.

The Parking Lot Party offers something for everyone including live entertainment, food, and special prizes, as well as fire, police, and EMS vehicle displays.

For music lovers, performers will include the Bethesda Bluegrass Boys, the Friendship Chapel Church choir, and the Faith Baptist Church choir.

Children can enjoy a free bounce castle and the chance to watch as an Army National Guard helicopter executes a flyover and lands in the Target Superstore parking lot.

For parents, the police department is partnering with the US Secret Service to provide free child identification fingerprint kits as part of the “Operation Safe Kids” program. “Safe Kids” child safety seat technicians will also be on hand to demonstrate the proper installation of child safety seats and community crime prevention officers will distribute information on topics such as vehicle security, home security, and personal safety.

The police department will also offer a K-9 demonstration and D.A.R.E. presentation, share information on upcoming Community Watch initiatives and provide rosters designed to help new neighborhoods develop their own Community Watch programs.

For more information about this year’s National Night Out, contact [Officer S. Graham](#) at (919) 554-6150.

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