



REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: July 15, 2008

SUBJECT: National Night Out Against Crime 2008

Report in Brief

Staff recommends that the City Council recognize and approve the observance of National Night Out for Tuesday, August 5, 2008 in the city of Woodland.

Background

On August 5, 2008, the Woodland community will participate in the 25th Annual National Night Out Against Crime. National Night Out strengthens neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. The annual event provides an opportunity for neighbors and the entire community to come together and send a message to criminals that our neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Last year in Woodland, over 40 Neighborhood Watch blocks joined forces with thousands of others from communities nationwide for this event. Woodland neighbors organized a variety of themed block parties and activities for all of their residents to enjoy and to engage in friendly competition with other neighborhoods. Again this year, as in previous years, each neighborhood is invited to take part in decorating their homes to be judged the most patriotic block. City Council members and several local leaders will join Woodland Police Department officers and support personnel to visit each of the participating neighborhoods and assist in judging the competition. Notices have been sent to numerous established Neighborhood Watch groups in Woodland inviting them to participate in National Night Out 2008. New neighborhoods are also encouraged to get involved and use this event as a catalyst for starting a new Neighborhood Watch. It is hoped that the whole Woodland community comes out to make a loud statement against crime.

Fiscal Impact

No fiscal impact.

Public Contact

In addition to publicity of the event in the local newspaper and through information pamphlets, the item was posted as part of the City Council agenda.

Recommendation for Action

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