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## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS TUESDAY, AUGUST 1 – REGISTER TO HOST A NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT BY TUESDAY, JULY 18

Chino Hills, CA – The City of Chino Hills' award-winning National Night Out program returns on Tuesday, August 1 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign held throughout the nation to promote police and community partnerships. These partnerships help combat crime, heighten drug prevention awareness, and strengthen neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

Neighborhoods in Chino Hills, like many other communities across the nation, participate each year by hosting their own potlucks, ice cream socials, block gatherings, and activities for kids. Neighborhood events are hosted individually by residents and are not organized by the City. Residents who register their events through the City's website at <a href="https://www.chinohills.org/NationalNightOut">www.chinohills.org/NationalNightOut</a> by Tuesday, July 18 will receive a free neighborhood organizing kit (while supplies last). Each kit includes a National Night Out banner, customized flyers to share with neighbors addressing various trending, emergency, crime, and safety topics, some giveaways for kids, and more.

Residents who are interested in attending a National Night Out event in their neighborhood are encouraged to host their own individual event or work with a neighborhood group such as a homeowner's association or neighborhood watch group to organize one. Smaller neighborhood events like these promote communication, safety, and awareness to combat crime and develop police/neighborhood relationships. While each event may be registered with the City of Chino Hills, each gathering is planned by the registered hosts(s). Each host has the opportunity to welcome guests from various neighborhoods or can specify on their registration form if they are only interested in hosting for their own neighborhood.

Chino Hills City staff, City Council Members, Chino Hills Police Deputies, Chino Valley Fire District personnel with their engines, Citizens on Patrol, McGruff the crime-fighting dog, and Sparky the fire safety dog will visit as many registered events as possible. Due to the number of events planned in neighborhoods throughout Chino Hills, it is not possible for each agency to visit all the events. Police, Fire, and City officials will fan out in the community with the

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goal that each event will receive a visit from at least one agency. However, due to time limitations, a visit is not guaranteed. Register early!

For more information on National Night Out, please visit <a href="www.chinohills.org/NationalNightOut">www.chinohills.org/NationalNightOut</a> or call the City of Chino Hills Emergency Services Coordinator at (909) 364-2713.

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