



20th Annual National Night Out

Tuesday, August 5th 2003

On Tuesday, August 5th, neighborhoods throughout Lincoln are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the “**20th Annual National Night Out**” (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by the Lincoln Police Department, will involve over 9,800 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all, over 33 million people are expected to participate in ‘America’s Night Out Against Crime’ on August 5th. NNO 2003 is being supported in part by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

National Night Out is designed to:

- 1. Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness.**
- 2. Generate support for and participation in, local anticrime efforts.**
- 3. Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships.**
- 4. Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.**

Residents in neighborhoods throughout Lincoln and across the nation, are asked from 7 to 10 p.m., to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods throughout Lincoln will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, visits from police and community leaders.

Neighborhood Watch groups are asked to call the Community Services Unit at the Lincoln Police Department to have a Police Officer assigned to come to your event. Contact **deadline** will be **Wednesday July 30th**.



Contact: Officer Russ Lloyd-Neighborhood Watch Coordinator
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