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Howard County Police and Residents Fight Back Against Crime National Night Out Events Planned Countywide

Howard County, Md.—Police officers and members of the Howard County community are joining forces Aug. 5 in an effort to fight back against crime. National Night Out, being observed by communities around the country, is intended to generate participation and support for local crime prevention activities. The police department has worked to heighten awareness and strengthen community spirit by helping residents organize neighborhood block parties throughout the county.

“Community participation is essential in fighting crime,” said Howard County Police Chief G. Wayne Livesay. “We need the support and assistance of local residents to prevent problems before they start. National Night Out sends a clear message to criminals that residents are working with police to keep their communities safe.”

County Executive James N. Robey and Chief Livesay will participate in the event, as well as police officers, the Crash Dummies “Vince and Larry” and McGruff the Crime Dog.

Police are asking citizens to turn on outside lights and spend at least one hour in front of their homes to send a message to criminals that communities are banding together to fight crime. The police department’s Office of Public Affairs and community groups have planned over 30 block parties throughout the county. These special parties will include music, food and many neighborhood participants.

For more information about National Night Out and neighborhood block party locations, Residents can call the Howard County Police, Office of Public Affairs at (410) 313-3020.

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