



Philadelphia Police Commissioner Danielle Outlaw kicked off National Night Out in the city this year.

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## National Night Out 2021: Communities Make A Strong Comeback!

### Another Great Year for NNO!

Citizens, law enforcement agencies, community groups, businesses, youth organizations and local, state and federal officials from 16,450 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide joined forces to celebrate the 38th Annual National Night Out (NNO) – a community crime prevention and safety event sponsored by

and have helped to keep National Night Out growing locally and nationally.”

Throughout the nation, along with the traditional ‘lights on’ and front porch vigils, there were tens of thousands of block parties, cookouts, parades, potlucks, ice cream socials, neighborhood visits by local police, flashlight walks, safety fairs, poster contests, festivals and other unique events and activities.

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner said, “As Mayor of this city, I encourage you to participate in National Night Out.” As you meet your neighbors, you will build a friendship and a connection that can lead to unifying neighborhoods, streets, subdivisions, and communities and against crime. Together with law enforcement, your neighbors can become your allies against crime and together we will improve the quality of life in our city.

Sgt. Jay Phares of the Miami Township (OH) Police Department said, “National Night Out is a foundational element of our department.” We are so well-known in the southern Ohio Miami Valley for our NNO celebration that when we interview candidates for the position of police officer, they frequently mention our NNO program as a reason that they want to be a part of our department. To be known in the area for a program that represents the values of community relationship, encouraging neighbors to be engaged with one another, and partnering in the responsibility for crime prevention, is an honor that we proudly display throughout the year.



Maryland Lt. Governor Rutherford and Chief David Rice and NNO 2021 in New Carrollton, MD.

the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) in partnership with FirstNet, Ring, Academy Sports + Outdoors, Associa and Starbucks.

“In 2020, Covid caused many communities to cancel NNO or pivot to smaller or virtual events,” said Matt Peskin, creator of NNO and National Project Coordinator. “This year, NNO leaders across the country led a spirited comeback with tons of energy and thousands of great events.”

He added, “A big salute to our corporate partners who hung in there

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The Woodlands Township, TX, puts on an amazing NNO campaign every year.

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Nat the Knight and the gang in Bartlett, IL.

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Officer Scott Hughes of the Midlothian (TX) Police Department said, "National Night Out 2021 was a great event for the City of Midlothian." It resulted in multiple citizens asking about participating in neighborhood watch and future events. Several citizens who attended our Kickoff stated, "This is one best community events ever!" Citizens attending NNO events commented on how great it was to get out and see their neighbors.

Bartlett (IL) Police Chief Patrick Ullrich said, "Bartlett Police Department continues to recognize the value importance of National Night Out in making the Village of Bartlett one of the safest communities in the country." I truly hope you enjoy reviewing our report as much as Bartlett's staff, residents, businesses and local organizations enjoyed participating in the year's National Night Out celebration.

Crestwood, IL coordinators said, "NNO 2021 came at the perfect time for us to interact with all of our citizens and businesses." It was an event we will never forget. Our vendors have already committed to next year and are excited to attend again. The Village of Crestwood is super excited to start planning.

Arlington (TX) Police Chief Al Jones said, "We are incredibly honored to earn this recognition for a second straight year and I think it says a lot about our department and our community." We know we can't do our jobs effectively without the trust of the people we serve. The level of participation and engagement the we experienced during National Night Out was tremendous and I couldn't be more proud.

Lt. Bill Vegas of the Sunnyvale (TX) Police Department said, "Our NNO 2021 went exceptionally well considering this was our first official one since the creation of the department. We worked together with our partners in the community to create an event that was fun, safe and informative to demonstrate what our department has to offer.

## NATW 2021 AWARD WINNERS

ARLINGTON, TX was selected as the top-ranked Category 1 area and received the National Night Out Cup presented by Academy Sports + Outdoors. Minneapolis was second, Houston/Harris County, TX was third and Orlando was fourth.

THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP, TX won the Cup in Category 2. Maple Grove, MN won in Category 3 and Bartlett, IL, captured Category 4. La Grange Park, IL, took Category 5 and Brielle, NJ, finished first in Category 6.

TEXAS was the awarded the "National Night Out 2021 State Cup."

The complete list of all of the NNO 2021 Award Winners begins on Page 3 of this issue and is also posted on the Awards page on our website at [nno.org/awards](http://nno.org/awards).

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The "39th Annual National Night Out" will culminate on August 2, 2022. (The Texas/October date will be October 4th.)

Website registration for NNO 2022 will open on February 1st. All communities must register each year.

NNO coordinators are encouraged to please invite cities and towns that were not involved in 2021 to contact NATW now or they can visit the website.

Due to Federal Trademark Regulations, all cities and towns that participate in NNO must register with NATW each year.

Anyone with any questions is invited to email them to [info@natw.org](mailto:info@natw.org) or call us at 1-800-648-3688.

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# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2021



## Award Winners

### Category 1 300,000+ Population

1. Arlington, TX
2. Minneapolis, MN
3. Houston/Harris County, TX
4. Orlando, FL
5. Columbus, OH
6. Chesterfield County, VA
7. St. Paul, MN
8. Collin County, TX
9. Louisville Metro, KY

### Category 2 100,000 - 300,000 Population

1. The Woodlands Township, TX
2. Richardson, TX
3. Hanover County, VA
4. Topeka, KS
5. Grand Prairie, TX
6. West Valley City, UT
7. Kent, WA
8. Stafford County, VA
9. Plano, TX
10. McKinney, TX
11. Waco, TX

### Category 3 50,000 - 100,000 Population

1. Maple Grove, MN
2. Brooklyn Park, MN
3. Suffolk, VA
4. Jacksonville, NC
5. Cedar Park, TX
6. Bowie, MD
7. Pflugerville, TX
8. Turlock, CA
9. Longview, TX
10. Chino Hills, CA
11. Tinley Park, IL
12. James City County, VA
13. Indio, CA
14. Meriden, CT

### Category 4 15,000 - 50,000 Population

1. Bartlett, IL
2. Coppell, TX
3. Miami Township, OH
4. Munster, IN
5. New Brighton, MN
6. Oakdale, CA
7. Walla Walla, WA
8. Redmond, OR

9. Cedar Hill, TX
10. Midlothian, TX
11. Hutto, TX
12. Oak Creek, WI
13. Washington Township, NJ
14. Lebanon, OR
15. Happy Valley, OR
16. Mill Creek, WA
17. Plainfield, IL
18. Canon City, CO
19. Boerne, TX
20. Crowley, TX
21. Mauldin, SC
22. Kenmore, WA

### Category 5 5,000 - 15,000 Population

1. La Grange Park, IL
2. St. Francis, WI
3. New Carrollton, MD
4. Live Oak, TX
5. Jacksonville, TX
6. Galax, VA
7. Butler, NJ
8. DeRidder, LA
9. Chino Valley, AZ
10. Bulverde, TX
11. Bellmead, TX
12. Oak Brook, IL
13. Farmville, VA
14. Smithfield, VA
15. Warrenville, IL
16. Frederick, CO
17. Hewitt, TX
18. Placerville, CA
19. Crestwood, IL
20. Bedford, VA
21. Sunnyvale, TX

### Category 6 (less than 5,000)

1. Brielle, NJ
2. Ada, MN
3. La Vernia, TX
4. Dutton, AL
5. Veneta, OR
6. Lower Alloways Creek Township, NJ
7. Spring Valley, IL

### Category 7 (Military)

(alphabetical by state)

#### ARMY

1. Joint Base Pearl Harbor / Hickam AFB, HI
2. Fort Hood, TX

### Category 9 (State)

State of Texas

### Category 10 (Neighborhood/Community)

(alphabetical by state)

1. Schofield Barracks Honolulu, HI
2. Hemlock Farms Community Association Lords Valley, PA
3. Westwood V HOA Lancaster, TX
4. Fort Hood Family Housing Fort Hood, TX
5. North Houston District, TX

### Category 11 (Colleges / Universities)

(alphabetical by state)

1. University of Texas at Arlington
2. Texas A&M University
3. University of Texas at San Antonio
4. University of Texas at Dallas

### Category 12 (Rookie of the Year)

(alphabetical by state)

1. New Sewickley Township Rochester, PA
2. Adonea Community Aurora, CO
3. Mansfield, TX



Sign of a great event during National Night Out in Suffolk, VA.





# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2021



*Hundreds packed the street for the Jacksonville, TX, National Night Out event this year.*



*FirstNet was on hand to help kickoff National Night Out 2021 in Philadelphia, PA.*



*You can always count on New Brighton, MN, for an amazing turnout during NNO each summer.*



*NNO was a wonderful night in Jacksonville, TX.*





*It's all about strong defense in Suffolk, VA.*



*The kids say Thank You First Responders during National Night Out 2021.*



*The future is right here in Midlothian, TX.*



*Officer Madeline Lewis meets with youngsters in Montgomery County, PA*





Kids and cops spread the message at National Night Out in Midlothian, TX.



First responders came out across the city in Grand Prairie, TX this year.



A beautiful night for NNO in Wynnewood, PA, on August 3rd.

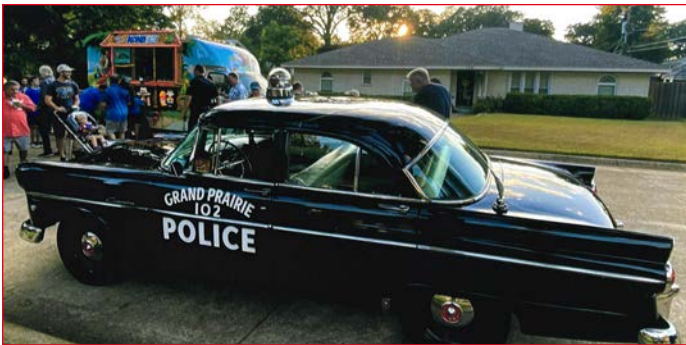




*Bartlett, IL, is always dressed to perfection for NNO each year.*



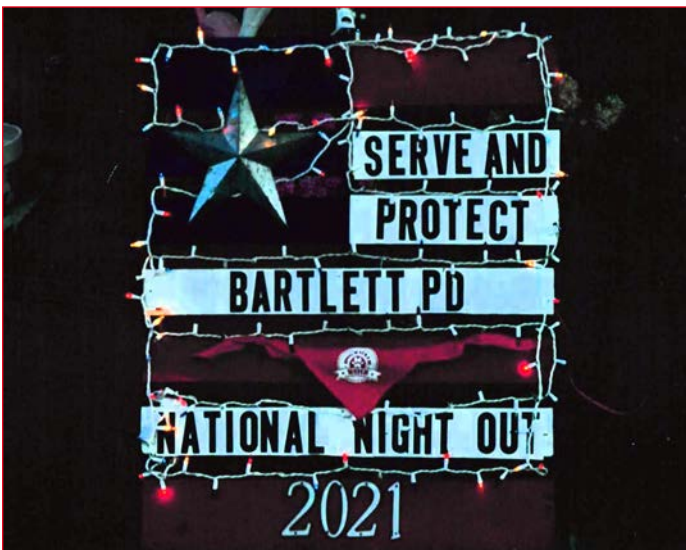
*Cooking up a great time in Jacksonville, TX.*



*Grand Prairie, TX, knows how to celebrate in fashion every year.*



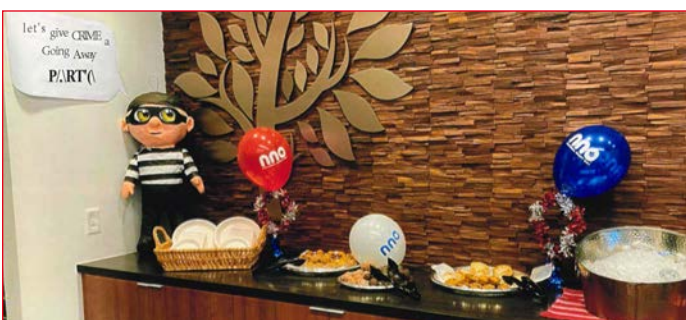
*Best Overall Block Party award in Bartlett, IL.*



*Saying it all during NNO in Bartlett, IL.*



*Fun for all ages during NNO in Ada, MN.*



*It was time to party in the The Woodlands Township, TX.*





Everything points to a great time during National Night Out in Louisville, KY.



Nat the Knight is assisting SWAT during National Night Out in Bartlett, IL.



Nat the Knight was on hand in Jacksonville, NC, to help celebrate National Night Out.



You gotta take your hat off to them in Jacksonville, TX.



The FirstNet tent at NNO in DeRidder, LA.



Officers in Lower Merion Township, PA, helped make it a fun night for kids and canines.



Yard Decorating Contest in Walla Walla, WA, during NNO 2021.



Beauregard Sheriff's Department was pulling for NNO in DeRidder, LA.





*The Philadelphia Flyers and mascot Gritty joined the fun during National Night Out in Wynnewood, PA.*



*The children always play a big part of NNO in DeRidder, LA.*



*These dogs were dressed to perfection in Suffolk, VA.*



Dog Walker Watch (DWW), a crime awareness program created by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) last year, is growing rapidly across the country. There are over 75 million dog walkers throughout the USA. DWW training classes, conducted by local law enforcement, teach citizens how to become more effective observers and reporters of suspicious activity.

If your community has not registered yet, please visit **[natw.org/dog](https://natw.org/dog)**. Ideally, you want your local police or sheriff's department to register as they will be doing the training. A training presentation is available for local law enforcement agencies.



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*After 2020, we all knew that there was a light at the end of tunnel.*