



Old Glory helped to celebrate National Night Out in Warwick Valley, NY.

National Night Out 2022: Neighbors, Communities Celebrate Partnerships

Another Great Year for NNO!

Citizens, law enforcement agencies, community groups, businesses, youth organizations and local, state and federal officials from 16,621 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide joined forces to celebrate the

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.

Lt. Gene Rickle, South Brunswick (NJ) Police Department said, "We believe this year's National Night Out celebration came at a critical moment to our police department." "Covid had forced us to eliminate or severely limit our in-person community activities. This year, we were finally able to responsibly meet with our community members again and re-establish our bonds with our residents. The police-community partnerships nurtured during NNO will continue to benefit the town and its residents for year come and will provide safe crime and drug-free activities and transforming our developments into neighborhoods and our town into a true community. We eagerly look forward to participating in National Night Out 2023!"

Chief Barton, Coppell (TX) Police Department said, "Communities keep communities safe." "Every year, National Night Out proves to strengthen community involvement with our citizens and their local government. Community commitment and 'buy in' are essential in keeping our beautiful city safe and successful while keeping criminal activity out."

Hamden (CT) Youth Services Bureau is a small department in the Town of Hamden and National Night Out is by far our largest event of the year. "For our youth and community, it is a wonderful

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Bartlett, IL, knows how to make NNO the best night of the year.

39th Annual National Night Out (NNO) – a community crime prevention and safety event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) in partnership with AT&T/FirstNet, Starbucks, Ring, Academy Sports + Outdoors, Associa and Renewal by Andersen.

"This was a great year for National Night Out," said Matt Peskin, creator of NNO and National Project Coordinator. "So many of our veteran areas were back at in 2022 - plus there was a surge of new, first-time NNO cities and counties." That is always great to see.

He added, "We thank our corporate partners who help us do what we do each year. Their support and leadership are vital in helping us to make National Night Out possible."

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A 'thank you' shirt for the PD at National Night Out in Coppell, TX.

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Modesto, CA, enjoyed another amazing NNO.

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opportunity to meet neighbors and the police in a friendly, stress-free venue.” We look forward to planning and executing this event and strive to make it ‘better than ever’ each year!”

Mayor Jensen of Grand Prairie (TX) said, “This event is one of my favorite events of the year. Our Police Department does a fantastic job of getting all of our residents engaged. Not just during National Night Out but all year long.” We have about 50 parties that participate and more than one of our police officers at every one of them. The council members have all tried to spread out and go to as many as we can so it’s a big night for the city of Grand Prairie and for our police department.

Lt. Kyle Kincade of the Columbus (OH) Division of Police said, “National Night Out in the City of Columbus has made the public aware of crime prevention programs and community outreach programs.” The Columbus Division of Police has dedicated the officers of the Community Liaison Section to community concerns and they continue to address quality of life issues. The media attention and NNO events throughout the city have given the residents even more avenues to seek out help for violence and crime, nuisances, prostitution, homelessness, and drug issues in their neighborhood.

Will Sexton, a fire inspector with the Fort Jackson Fire Department who participated in their NNO parade, said its necessary for first responders to be seen out in the community. “Events like National Night Out allow communities to gain familiarity, comfort and confidence in their first responders,” he said. “If the only time the public sees us is during an emergency, medical or police situation, then we as first responders are not doing enough.”

Richardson (TX) Police Chief Gary Tittle said, “National Night Out is about the opportunity for us a police department to go out and engage the public and engage them, for us to have fun, have great conversations, and to have conversations about topics that sometimes might be difficult.”

Jose Aldaco, Mayor and Superintendent of Schools in Waterford (CA) said, “National Night Out has been a great opportunity for us as a city and as a school district to be in partnership with our law enforcement officers here in Waterford.” Lots of organizations came together to make National Night Out possible and do their part to contribute to creating a safe and vibrant community.

Bryan Marks, Executive Director of Love Stanislaus (CA) County said, “What is unique and special about what is happening in Waterford is the law enforcement and the community have joined forces to plan this National Night Out together.” That’s really special in making sure that our neighborhoods are connected, that they’re safe, and that people are involved in making solutions to be part of our community.

NATW 2022 AWARD WINNERS

MINNEAPOLIS, MN was selected as the top-ranked Category 1 area and received the National Night Out Cup. **Arlington, TX** was second, **Columbus, OH** was third and **Dallas** was fourth.

RICHARDSON, TX won the Cup in Category 2. **Brooklyn Park, MN** won in Category 3 and **Bartlett, IL** captured Category 4. **St. Francis, WI** took Category 5 and **Fulton, IL** finished first in Category 6.

TEXAS was the awarded the “National Night Out 2022 State Cup.”

The complete list of all of the NNO 2022 Award Winners begins on Page 3 of this issue and is also posted on the Awards page on our website at nno.org/awards.

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The “40th Annual National Night Out” will culminate on August 1, 2023. (The Texas/October date will be October 3rd.)

Website registration for NNO 2023 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 2022 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 info@natw.org or call NATW/NNO at 1-800-648-3688.

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2022



Award Winners

CATEGORY 1

300,000 Population

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

CATEGORY 2

100,000 - 300,000 Population

1. Richardson, TX
2. The Woodlands Township, TX
3. Hanover County, VA
4. Grand Prairie, TX
5. Topeka, KS
6. Modesto, CA
7. West Valley City, UT
8. Kent, WA
9. Aurora, IL
10. Shreveport, LA
11. Waco, TX
12. Stafford County, VA
13. McKinney, TX
14. Plano, TX
15. El Paso, TX
16. Travis County, TX
17. Edinburg, TX

CATEGORY 3

50,000 - 100,000 Population

1. Brooklyn Park, MN
2. Maple Grove, MN
3. Suffolk, VA
4. Gloucester Township, NJ
5. Cedar Park, TX
6. Arlington Heights, IL
7. Portsmouth, VA
8. Pflugerville, TX
9. Bowie, MD
10. Chino Hills, CA
11. Jacksonville, NC
12. Indio, CA
13. Tinley Park, IL
14. Victoria, TX
15. Hamden, CT
16. Mansfield, TX
17. Tracy, CA
18. Meriden, CT
19. Glendora, CA
20. James City County, VA
21. Kannapolis, NC

CATEGORY 4

15,000 - 50,000 Population

1. Bartlett, IL
2. South Brunswick Township, NJ

3. Miami Township, OH
4. Coppell, TX
5. Munster, IN
6. New Brighton, MN
7. Walla Walla, WA
8. Sanford, NC
9. Oakdale, CA
10. Redmond, OR
11. Oak Creek, WI
12. North Houston District, TX
13. Midlothian, TX
14. Mill Creek, WA
15. Happy Valley, OR
16. Lebanon, OR
17. Taylor, TX
18. Olney, MD
19. Crowley, TX
20. Hamilton Township, NJ
21. San Gabriel, CA
22. Denison, TX
23. Mauldin, SC
24. Hewitt, TX
25. Boerne, TX
26. Goose Creek, SC
27. Plainfield, IL

CATEGORY 5

5,000 - 15,000 Population

1. St. Francis, WI
2. Jacksonville, TX
3. Live Oak, TX
4. Bulverde, TX
5. Galax, VA
6. DeRidder, LA
7. Chino Valley, AZ
8. Bellmead, TX
9. Bedford, VA
10. Lehigh Township, PA
11. Farmville, VA
12. Warrenville, IL
13. Oak Brook, IL
14. District Heights, MD
15. Sunnyvale, TX
16. Solebury Township, PA
17. Crestwood, IL
18. Placerville, CA
19. Decatur, TX
20. Branson, MO
21. Frederick, CO
22. Veneta, OR
23. Smithfield, VA
24. Waterford, CA

CATEGORY 6

less than 5,000

1. Fulton, IL
2. Northeastern Pennsylvania
3. La Vernia, TX
4. Moscow Borough, PA
5. Dutton, AL
6. Spring Valley, IL
7. Brielle, NJ
8. Isle of Palms, SC

CATEGORY 7

Military

(alphabetical by state)

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

CATEGORY 8

Rookies of the Year

1. Plantation, FL
2. Fort Ogelthorpe, GA
3. Eldridge, IA
4. Brooklawn, NJ
5. Carlin, NV
6. Warwick Valley, NY
7. Beverly Hills, TX
8. White Settlement, TX

CATEGORY 9

State

State of Texas

CATEGORY 10

Neighborhood/Community

(alphabetical by state)

1. Better Tomorrows Piedmont Senior Tower Atlanta, GA
2. Southside Community Association Dublin, CA
3. Schofield Barracks Honolulu, HI
4. Campbell Crossing Fort Campbell, KY
5. Vineyards Neighborhood Watch Charlotte, NC
6. Better Tomorrows Morgan Village/Roosevelt Manor Camden, NJ
7. Fort Hood Family Housing Fort Hood, TX

CATEGORY 11

Colleges / Universities

(alphabetical by state)

1. University of Texas at Arlington
2. University of Texas at Dallas
3. University of Texas at San Antonio



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2022



It was a foam extravaganza for National Night Out this year in Victoria, TX.



Welcoming the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department to NNO in The Woodlands, TX.



Modesto celebrated in style during National Night Out this year.



Island Palm Communities, Schofield Barracks, HI, had another great NNO this year.



A sign of the times during NNO in Warwick Valley, NY.



Police-Community Partnerships during NNO in Tracy, CA.



This Louisville firefighter was all in during National Night Out.



*Police-Fire-EMS
Tug-of-War in
South
Brunswick, NJ.*



Residents get crime prevention tips from the Tracy, CA PD during NNO 2022.



The Lower Merion Police Department's motorcycle units were out with residents of all ages during National Night Out 2022.



Officer Rick Bright enjoys dinner at National Night Out in Portsmouth, VA.



Sgt. Lewis made lots of friends during NNO 2022 in Wynnewood, PA.



Another wonderful NNO this year in Farmville, VA.



CSO Molina handles the giveaway at NNO in Denison, TX.



The Campbell Crossing NNO team helped during NNO at Fort Campbell, KY.



Schofield Barracks, HI, hosted the Honolulu PD during National Night Out 2022.



NNO sidewalk chalk art contest in The Woodlands, TX.



Nat the Knight welcomes residents to National Night Out 2022 in West Valley City, UT.



So much appreciation was shown to first responders at National Night Out in The Woodlands, TX.



Another outstanding National Night Out this year in Portsmouth, VA.



The Boy Scouts and the Chief at National Night Out in Walla Walla, WA.



The confetti cannons filled the Modesto Police Department theater during the NNO 22 briefing.



The community loves Dog Walker Watch in Bartlett, IL.



Modesto Chief Gillespie was in the competitive spirit at this year's NNO.



Zachary Smith flips the switch at National Night Out in Montgomery County, PA.



Lt. Kuzmik reading to kids during NNO Books with Blue in DeRidder, LA.



Sgt. Madeline Lewis has special giveaways for guests at NNO '22 in Lower Merion Township, PA.



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. 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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Nat the Knight welcomes Miss Texas to National Night Out in Richardson, TX.