



A great NNO this year in Cape Girardeau, MO.

## National Night Out 2023: A 40th Anniversary Extravaganza!

### Another Great Year for NNO!

Citizens, law enforcement agencies, community groups, businesses, youth organizations and local, state and federal officials from 16,806 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories and military bases

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.

Mayor Rebecca Wyhof Salmon, Sanford, NC said, "NNO is a wonderful time to come together as a community and check-in on each other. It's also the best tool we have for getting our message to residents and them to getting messages to us."

Stacy Judd of the Kent, WA, Police Department said, "The ability to participate in National Night Out allows the Kent Police Department and the City of Kent, the opportunity to bring the community together on a larger scale than if we were not connected to NNO. Community connections are made when this happens and communication and relationships become stronger."

Amanda Bragg of the Jacksonville (TX) said, "That's the beauty of it all. We have several events that lead up to the actual night of the big party. We've given away 52 scooters, we did a coloring contest at the JISD. We do everything we can to make sure it's really, truly about the kids and giving back to the community."

Senator John Cornyn of Texas said, "While National Night Out is an important opportunity to honor our local officers, it is also a chance to reflect on the role that each of us plays in keeping our neighborhoods safer. Strong communities require strong collaboration. By building relationships through open and honest communication with law enforcement, we can increase transparency, improve

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It looks like they were ready for NNO this year in Grand Prairie, TX.

worldwide joined forces to celebrate the 40th Annual National Night Out (NNO)—a community crime prevention and safety event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch in partnership with ADT, Starbucks, Associa and L.E.A.D.

"We've come a long, long way in forty years," said Matt Peskin, creator of NNO and National Project Coordinator. "What began as a symbolic display of porch sitting and lights on, has become an annual tradition that is embraced all across America."

He added, "We thank our amazing corporate partners who help us do what we do year in and year out. Their support and leadership make the NNO engine run."

Throughout the nation, along with the traditional 'lights on' and front porch

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National Night Out 2023 at SMU in Dallas, TX.

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Washing away crime during NNO 2024 in Chino Valley, AZ.

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information-sharing, and strengthen our defense against crime. It will take all of us to keep each other safe. Together, we can join forces and give our officers the tools and resources they need to better protect the ones we love. Whether you are attending a block party, large event or safety demonstration, I encourage you to remain involved and do your part in making the Lone Star State a safer place to call home."

Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett of Texas said, "For year, National Night Out has been a celebration that many look forward to as it brings together our neighbors as well as our law enforcement community in an effort to strengthen partnership, increase crime prevention, and provide an outlet for everyone to just have fun. In addition to this celebration, you have remained committed to giving back to our community and working all alongside all stakeholders to best advocate for the needs of your fellow neighbors. I commend you, not just for your efforts with National Night Out, but for your efforts in making Grand Prairie a better place for all."

Indio Police Chief Mike Washburn said, "In conclusion, National Night Out is a celebration of the strength of unity, community engagement, and the significance of positive police interactions. It's opportunity to inspire the next generation of law enforcement officers, nurture trust, and build safer, more resilient and inclusive communities. We hope our dedication and the impact of National Night Out serve as an inspiration to award selection committees, emphasizing the vital role of positive police interactions in building safer, more connected communities.

David Spigelmyer, Crime Prevention, University of Texas Police Department said, "Working with and organizing NNO events for the past 25 years has been such a part of my life. Not just one night a year, but everyday that I am here. None of us know what the future holds for us but I do know this, NNO will always be a part of my life!"

Coppell Police Chief Barton says that "Communities keep communities safe." "Every year,, NNO strengthens our officers' involvement with our citizens. Our connection with our community is essential to our efforts to keep our beautiful city safe and successful. The Coppell Police Department and our community stakeholders absolutely love the opportunity that NNO offers each year to build and strengthen our community relationships and enhance community livability."

Michael Curtis, Grand Rapids Fire Department said, "Having participated in NNO for 11 years now, I can readily say that this is one of the best community relations events on my annual roster. I look forward to it in great anticipation each and every year."

## NATW 2023 AWARD WINNERS

**ARLINGTON, TX** was selected as the top-ranked Category 1 area and received the National Night Out Cup. Orlando was second, Columbus, OH was third and Chesterfield County, VA was fourth.

**THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP, TX** won the Cup in Category 2. Maple Grove, MN, won in Category 3 and South Brunswick Township, NJ, captured Category 4. Jacksonville, TX, took Category 5 and Dutton, AL, finished first in Category 6.

**TEXAS** was the awarded the "National Night Out 2023 State Cup."

The complete list of all of the NNO 2023 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 "41st Annual National Night Out" will culminate on August 6, 2024. (The Texas/October date will be October 1st.)

Website registration for NNO 2024 will open on February 1st. **All agencies, communities and organizations must register each year.**

NNO coordinators are encouraged to please invite cities and towns that were not involved in 2023 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 or call NATW/NNO at 1-800-648-3688.

**16,800  
COMMUNITIES  
FOR  
NNO 2023!!!**



# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2023



## Award Winners

### Category 1 300,000+ Population

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

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

1. The Woodlands Township, TX
2. Richardson, TX
3. Grand Prairie, TX
4. Hanover County, VA
5. Modesto, CA
6. West Valley City, UT
7. Kent, WA
8. Stafford County, VA
9. McKinney, TX
10. Waco, TX
11. Edinburg, TX
12. Coweta County, GA
13. Travis County, TX
14. South Fulton, GA

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

1. Maple Grove, MN
2. Suffolk, VA
3. Gloucester Township, NJ
4. Brooklyn Park, MN
5. Cedar Park, TX
6. Portsmouth, VA
7. Chino Hills, CA
8. Bowie, MD
9. Pflugerville, TX
10. Jacksonville, NC
11. Victoria, TX
12. Tinley Park, IL
13. Mansfield, TX
14. Longview, TX
15. Indio, CA
16. Meriden, CT
17. Goldsboro/Wayne County, NC
18. James City County, VA
19. Glendora, CA
20. Rock Hill, SC
21. Plantation, FL
22. Chicopee, MA

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

1. South Brunswick Township, NJ
2. Bartlett, IL
3. Coppell, TX
4. Miami Township, OH
5. Munster, IN
6. New Brighton, MN
7. Sanford, NC
8. Oakdale, CA
9. Oak Creek, WI
10. Redmond, OR
11. Williamsburg, VA
12. Midlothian, TX
13. Mill Creek, WA
14. Taylor, TX
15. Happy Valley, OR
16. Olney, MD
17. Crowley, TX
18. Hamilton Township, NJ
19. White Settlement, TX
20. Denison, TX
21. Doylestown Township, PA
22. Cape Girardeau, MO
23. Bethlehem, NY
24. Martinez, CA
25. Laurel, MS
26. Plainfield, IL

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

1. Jacksonville, TX
2. Live Oak, TX
3. St. Francis, WI
4. Galax, VA
5. Chino Valley, AZ
6. DeRidder, LA
7. Margate, FL
8. Lehigh Township, PA
9. Oak Brook, IL
10. Farmville, VA
11. Kennedale, TX
12. Sunnyvale, TX
13. Smithfield, VA
14. Eldridge, IA
15. Crestwood, IL
16. Warrenville, IL
17. Veneta, OR
18. Van Alstyne, TX
19. Decatur, TX
20. Placerville, CA
21. Waterford, CA
22. Bonham, TX

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

1. Dutton, AL
2. Hawley Borough, PA
3. Moscow Borough, PA
4. Bullard, TX

5. Spring Valley, IL
6. Oroville, WA
7. Upper Saucon Township  
Center Valley, PA
8. Fulton, IL
9. Lower Alloways Creek Township, NJ
10. Isle of Palms, SC
11. South Hill, VA

### Category 7 (Military)

(alphabetical by state)

Fort Wainwright/Fort Greely, AK  
Marine Corps Base Hawaii  
Joint Base Pearl Harbor/Hickam AFB, HI  
Fort Jackson, SC  
Fort Cavazos, TX

### Category 8 (Electric Utilities)

Better Tomorrows  
Terry Apartments Wilmington, DE  
Better Tomorrows PVG Baltimore, MD  
Oak Island, NC  
Better Tomorrows Jersey City, NJ  
Forks Township Easton, PA

### Category 9 (State)

State of Texas

### Category 10 (Neighborhood / Community)

(alphabetical by state)

Adonea Community Aurora, CO  
Island Palm Communities  
Schofield Barracks, HI  
Inspirada Community Association  
Henderson, NV  
Fort Drum Mountain Community Homes  
Fort Drum, NY  
Choctaw Lake Community London, OH  
Cavalry Family Housing Fort Cavazos, TX  
Suffolk Obici Suffolk, VA

### Category 11 (Colleges / Universities)

(alphabetical by state)

Southern Methodist Univ. Dallas, TX  
University of Texas at Dallas  
University of Texas at Arlington  
University of Texas at San Antonio  
University of Texas Medical Branch  
Galveston, TX  
University of the Incarnate Word  
San Antonio, TX





# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2023



*Nat the Knight and friends gather at another great NNO in Suffolk, VA.*



*Smiling faces throughout the Village in Bartlett, IL, during National Night Out 2023.*



*Officer Arroyo of the Modesto Police Department brought the mounted patrol out to NNO.*



*Nat the Knight dishing out hot dogs at National Night Out in The Woodlands, TX.*





*Officers salute the Most Spirited NNO Block Party in Bartlett, IL.*



*A great time during NNO this year in Portsmouth, VA.*



*Fun for all ages at National Night Out in Louisville, KY.*



*Nat the Knight welcomes residents to National Night Out 2023 in Arlington, TX.*





Chief Stephen Jenkins welcomes guests to National Night Out in Portsmouth, VA.



L.E.A.D. joined officers and residents at another great NNO in Gloucester Township, NJ.



Kelly Luther of the Coppell, TX, Police Department led another great NNO this year.



Modesto, CA, police and a local Starbucks collecting donations for National Night Out 2023.



Sheriff Mark Herford and Chief Craig Richard during the opening ceremony at NNO in DeRidder, LA.

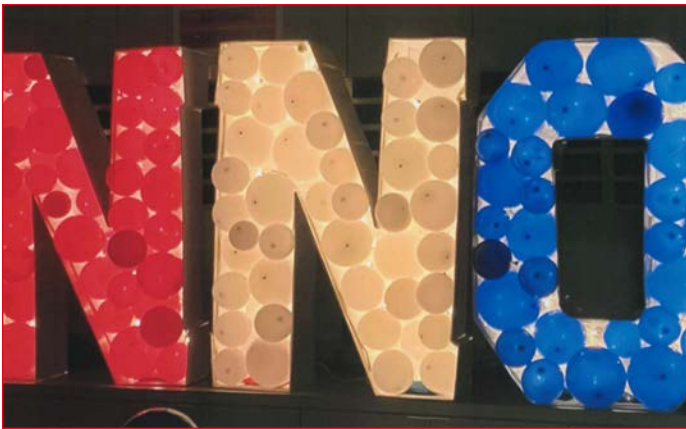


Major Frazier of the Sanford Police Department and Chief Arnold of the Sanford Fire Department were among those participating in the NNO Cornhole Tournament this year.



The Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Carolina are long-time partners with NNO in Sanford, NC.





*There are always great promotions for National Night Out in the The Woodlands, TX.*



*It was a beautiful night during NNO in Portsmouth, VA.*



*NNO creator Matt Peskin cuts the 40th Anniversary along the Phillie Phanatic, Lower Merion Police Superintendent Mike McGrath and retired 6ABC anchor Jim Gardner in Wynnewood, PA.*





*Scooters for the winners of the NNO Coloring Contest in Jacksonville, TX.*



*Modesto Officers Beavers and Raduechel playing tic-tac-toe with the children during NNO 2023.*



*University Park Fire Department at Southern Methodist University demonstrate the dangers of fire in residential halls. Two replica student rooms: One with fire suppression vs. one without.*



*NNO Tug-of-War in South Brunswick Township, NJ.*



*A Sign of the Times at NNO 2023 in Jacksonville TX.*



*Blue the Hippo and Nat the Knight dancing with the kids at NNO in Oak Creek, WI.*



*It was a beautiful night during NNO in Portsmouth, VA.*





*High fives all night long during National Night Out 2023 in Suffolk, VA.*

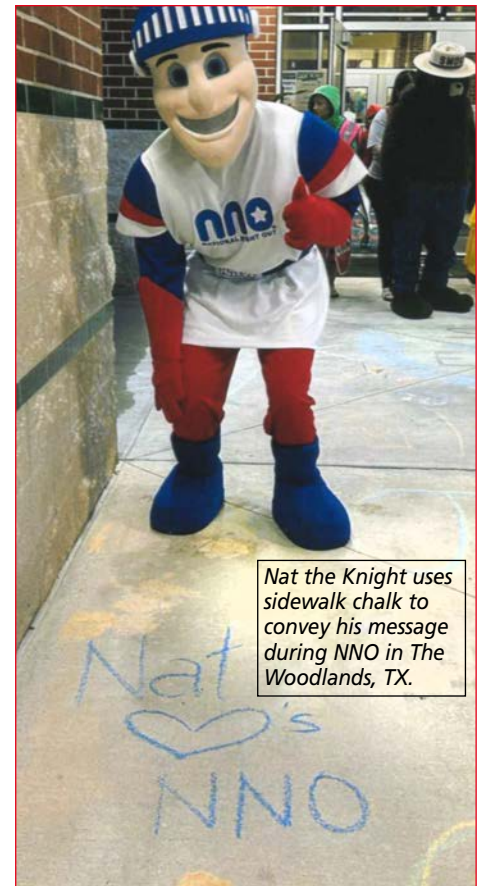


*Munster, IN, always promotes National Night Out in a big way.*

**Dog Walker Watch** (DWW), a crime awareness program created by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) 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.



*Nat the Knight uses sidewalk chalk to convey his message during NNO in The Woodlands, TX.*



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*The grand finale at National Night Out 2023 in Lower Merion Township, PA.*