



Chief Danny Buie and Nat the Knight buddy up during NNO in Suffolk (VA).

★ WHAT'S INSIDE ★

- 1 NNO 2025: The Tradition Continues!**
- 3 Award Winners**
Roundup of 2025 Winners
- 5 Photos from Across the USA**
- 9 Dog Walker Watch**

NewSpirit

NATW is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to the development and promotion of organized community crime prevention activities and to the groups and the individuals participating in local crime watch efforts.

NewSpirit is published as the official newsletter of the National Association of Town Watch. Contact us at P. O. Box 303, Wynnewood, PA 19096. Phone: (610) 649-7055. Fax: (610) 649-5456, www.natw.org. Email: info@natw.org.

National Night Out 2025: Great Events, Amazing Partnerships!!

Another Great Year for NNO!

Citizens, law enforcement agencies, community groups, businesses, youth organizations and local, state and federal officials from over 18,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide joined forces to celebrate the 42nd Annual National Night Out (NNO) – a community crime prevention

Peskin, creator of NNO and National Project Coordinator. “The coordinators did a wonderful job of making the night fun for neighborhoods and first responders.”

He added, “A big thank you to our awesome corporate partners who help us do what we do year in and year out. Their support and leadership make the NNO engine run and we thank them for standing



The Mounted Unit brought smiles during National Night Out in Bowie (MD).

and safety event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch in partnership with ADT, Starbucks, AT&T, 7-Eleven Cares Foundation, Nintendo, Dollar Tree, Associa and L.E.A.D.

“The scope and variety of NNO events continue to grow every year,” said Matt

behind National Night Out.”

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,

(continued on page 2)



Another outstanding National Night Out in Grand Prairie (TX).

NewSpirit

Opinions expressed in **NewSpirit** are those of the authors and contributors and do not necessarily express or reflect official NATW views or policy. Products of service information are not purported to imply NATW endorsement.

© Copyright 2025 by the National Association of Town Watch. Permission to reproduce the contents, but not for profit, is hereby granted provided proper acknowledgment is included. Reproduction for commercial purposes without express permission is prohibited.

Submissions: NATW encourages readers to submit news items and will consider all articles, photographs and manuscripts. Material may be edited at the Association's discretion.



A great time at UTSA coordinated by the University of Texas at San Antonio Police Department.

(continued from page 1)

flashlight walks, safety fairs, poster contests, festivals and other unique events and activities.

Captain Daniel Lentz, York City Police Department, highlighted that the National Night Out provides “positive interaction where we can kind of just come together and celebrate and build relationships that are critical if we are going to work together to combat our crime issues.”

Baltimore Police Department Commissioner Richard Worley stated that National Night Out “represents our commitment to building a safer Baltimore and strong communities, together and is a vital part of our efforts in building trust and strengthening partnerships.”

United States Attorney John Gurganus expressed pride in joining this year's National Night Out, calling it a “great opportunity to come together and continue to strengthen relationships and meet the citizens that we serve.”

Police Chief Pamela A. Smith, Metropolitan (DC) Police Department, emphasized that “public safety is a shared commitment achieved through partnerships.”

A Chesterfield County, VA, resident said, “National Night Out is a blessing. I love the music, the fellowship, the police support, the kids' love of the fire truck. It's nice to have the first responders in our community helping us out.”

Inspector Jose Gomez of the Minneapolis Police Department's 3rd Precinct, reminded officers of the importance of NNO at roll call before heading out to visit events: “National Night Out is the Super Bowl of crime prevention!”

SRO Jim Jakymiw of the Rochelle, IL, Police Department said, “As I was walking around the event, I heard so many great interactions, laughing and positive feedback from the booths as well as community residents . . . when I was passing out flyers this year, I had many people so excited for NNO. Everyone gladly posted about the event and because of that excitement, I believe National Night Out will continue to grow every year!”

United States Senator Ted Cruz said, “It is a pleasure to join my fellow Texans in celebrating National Night Out . . . this annual tradition is more than a gathering, it is a demonstration of how neighbors, law enforcement, and community leaders come together to strengthen trust, prevent crime, and building lasting connections.”

“Each year we work to make National Night Out a fun, inclusive evening for the entire family,” said John Bredehoeft, Fort Drum, NY, Community Homes Project Director. “This event provides a meaningful opportunity for soldiers and their families to connect with local law enforcement in a relaxed, family-friendly setting – demonstrating our community's shared commitment to safety and standing united against crime.”

In Arlington, TX, a South District resident said, “My favorite part of National Night Out is seeing everyone come together – kids playing, neighbors laughing, and first responders stopping by just to chat. It really reminds you that we are all one, big community.”

NATW 2025 AWARD WINNERS

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

THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP, TX won the Cup in Category 2. Maple Grove MN, won in Category 3 and Munster, IN captured Category 4. Live Oak, TX took Category 5 and Moscow Borough finished first in Category 6.

The State of **TEXAS** was awarded the “National Night Out 2025 State Cup.”

The complete list of all of the NNO 2025 Award Winners begins on Page 3 of this issue and is also posted on the Awards page on our website at nno.org/awards.

* * *

The “43rd Annual National Night Out” will culminate on August 4, 2026. (The Texas/October date will be October 6th.)

Website registration for NNO 2026 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 2025 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 questions is invited to email or call NATW/NNO at 1-800-648-3688.

**18,000
COMMUNITIES
FOR
NNO 2025!!!**



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2025



Award Winners

Category 1: 300,000 + Population

1. Orlando, FL
2. Arlington, TX
3. Chesterfield County, VA
4. Columbus, OH
5. Minneapolis, MN
6. Louisville-Jefferson County, KY

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. Kent, WA
7. Suffolk, VA
8. West Valley City, UT
9. Edinburg, TX
10. St. Paul, MN
11. Waco, TX
12. Plano, TX
13. Stafford County, VA
14. Harford County, MD
15. Alexandria, VA
16. Rockford, IL
17. New Braunfels, TX
18. Coweta County, GA
19. Charles County, MD

Category 3: 50,000 - 100,000 Population

1. Maple Grove, MN
2. Gloucester Township, NJ
3. Brooklyn Park, MN
4. Pflugerville, TX
5. Margate, FL
6. Chino Hills, CA
7. Victoria, TX
8. Longview, TX
9. Bowie, MD
10. Tinley Park, IL
11. Skokie, IL
12. Chicopee, MA
13. Hammond, IN
14. Mansfield, TX
15. Plantation, FL
16. Meriden, CT
17. James City County, VA

Category 4: 15,000 - 50,000 Population

1. Munster, IN
2. Coppell, TX
3. Bartlett, IL
4. New Brighton, MN
5. South Brunswick Township, NJ
6. Sanford, NC
7. Midlothian, TX

8. Oakdale, CA
9. Redmond, OR
10. Taylor, TX
11. Oak Creek, WI
12. Happy Valley, OR
13. Olney, MD
14. Huntley, IL
15. Mill Creek, WA
16. Crowley, TX
17. Hutto, TX
18. White Settlement, TX
19. Williamsburg, VA
20. Schertz, TX
21. Seagoville, TX
22. Plainfield, IL
23. Forks Township, PA
24. Martinez, CA
25. Denison, TX
26. Caln Township, PA
27. Cookeville, TN
28. Mauldin, SC
29. Ellensburg, WA
30. Lakeway, TX
31. Warrenville, IL
32. Dublin, CA
33. Muskegon, MI
34. Cudahy, WI
35. Frederick, CO

Category 5: 5,000 - 15,000 Population

1. Live Oak, TX
2. St. Francis, WI
3. Chino Valley, AZ
4. Galax, VA
5. Kennedale, TX
6. DeRidder, LA
7. Bulverde, TX
8. Sunnyvale, TX
9. Crestwood, IL
10. Bonham, TX
11. Butler, NJ
12. Minooka, IL
13. Placerville, CA
14. Farmville, VA
15. Bloomsburg, PA
16. Rochelle, IL
17. Henderson, TX
18. Eldridge, IA
19. Beeville, TX
20. Kilgore, TX
21. Fort Ogelthorpe, GA
22. Smithfield, VA
23. Terrell Hills, TX
24. Oak Brook, IL
25. Spring Hill, KS
26. Campton Hills, IL

Category 6: Less than 5,000 Population

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

5. South Hill, VA
6. Brielle, NJ
7. Spring Valley, IL
8. Middleburg, VA
9. Archdale, NC
10. Isle of Palms, SC
11. El Paso, IL

Category 7: Military

(alphabetical by state)

Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD
Fort Jackson, SC
Fort Hood, TX

Category 8: Rookies of the Year

(alphabetical by state)

Lanett, AL
Better Tomorrows - Janie's Garden, Sarasota, FL
Cedar Creek Senior Living, Cedar, MN
Ely, MN
Little Egg Harbor, NJ
Otero County, Alamogordo, NM
Lindale, TX

Category 9: State

State of Texas

Category 10: Neighborhood/Community

(alphabetical by state)

Flintridge Forest Civic Association, Stone Mountain, GA
The Village at Stone Mountain Association, Stone Mountain, GA
Island Palm Communities, HI
Barksdale Family Housing, Barksdale AFB, LA
Midland Community, Thibodaux, LA
Inspirada Comm. Assoc., Henderson, NV
Fort Drum Mountain Comm. Home, Fort Drum, NY
Near Northwest Management District, Houston, TX
Cavalry Family Housing, Fort Hood, TX

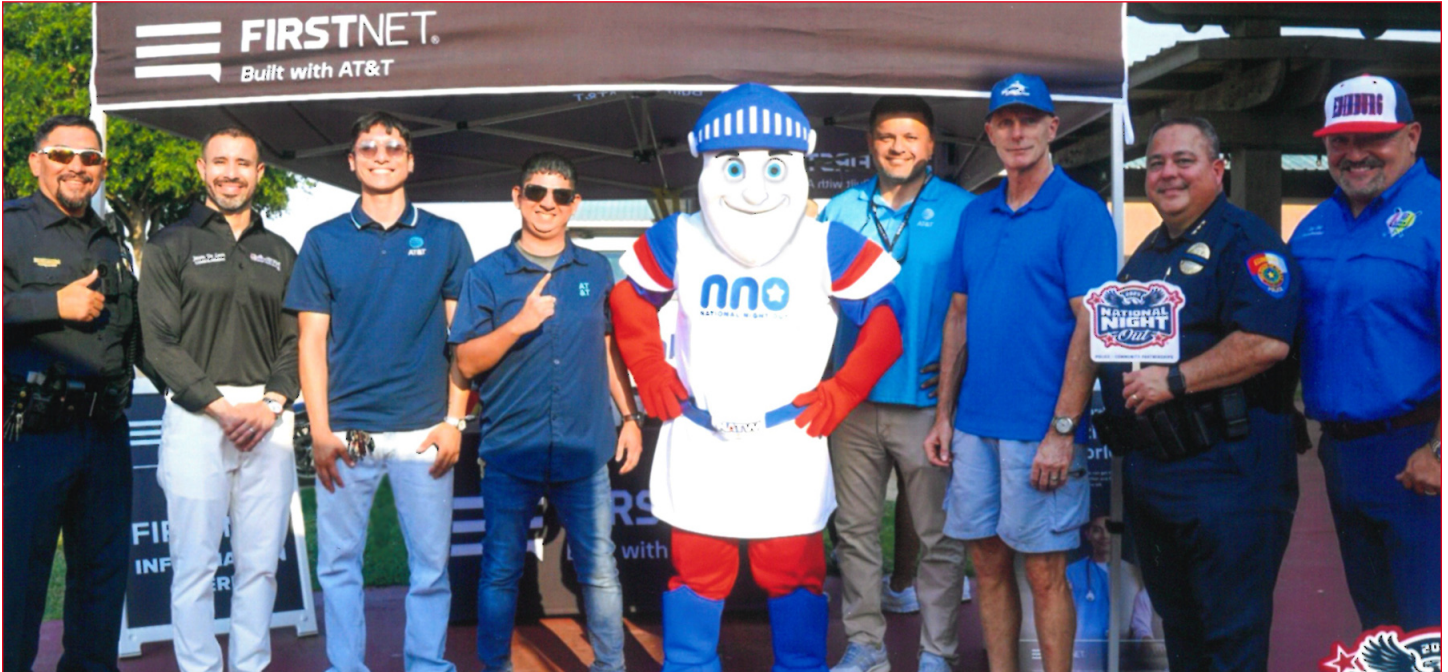
Category 11: Colleges/Universities

(alphabetical by state)

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX
UT S.W. Medical Ctr. Police, Dallas, TX
University of Texas at Dallas
University of the Incarnate Word San Antonio, TX
University of Texas Medical Branch Police Galveston, TX
University of Texas at San Antonio, TX



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2025



AT&T and Nat the Knight made it out to NNO in Edinburg (TX).



Such as here in Chesterfield County (VA), it's conversations like this that make NNO so special.



You could feel the unity this year during National Night Out in Hanover County (VA).



Registering your National Night Out 2025 party in The Woodlands (TX).



Bartlett (IL) Police brought out the suds machine for this year's National Night Out.



Fauquier County (VA) Sheriff's Department having some fun at NNO 2025.



Chief Patrick Major lets residents know why he is out during NNO in Chicopee (MA).



It was all about the kids this year during National Night Out in Edinburg (TX).



Modesto (CA) police and K-9 made sure all of the children were included in NNO 2025.



Student Council at the fingerprint booth during the National Night Out in DeRidder (LA).



City employees form a cheer squad to send off Suffolk's (VA) 9 public safety-led NNO tours



Presenting the National Night Out 2025 Planning Committee in DeRidder (LA).



This is another one where we let the photo do the talking in Kent (WA).



A powerful National Night Out team in Sunnyvale (TX) this year.



Another amazing NNO event in Bartlett (IL) this year.



Bartlett (IL) PD and Nat the Knight leading the troops at National Night Out 2025.



Fort Drum (NY) Mountain Homes employees gather in front of a helicopter to promote NNO 2025.



Alpacas of Windy Haven Farm were featured at NNO in Moscow Borough (PA).



Coordinators in Modesto (CA) meet before National Night Out 2025.



The children had a ball at National Night Out in Charles County (MD).

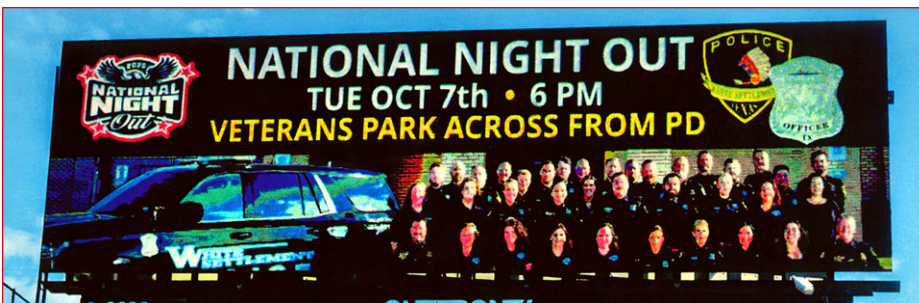


(photograph above) Chief Hooten taking photos during NNO in front of a newly branded squad car in Huntley (IL).

(photograph on left) National Night Out doesn't get much more patriotic than this home in Hanover County (VA).



Residents in Lower Merion Township (PA) gathered for another highly successful National Night Out with over 2,000 residents attending.



Billboards helped to spread the word about National Night Out in White Settlement (TX).

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. 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.



Sometimes it's best to just let the photo do the talking. Welcome to the The Woodlands (TX).

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TOWN WATCH
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
P. O. BOX 303
WYNNEWOOD, PA 19096

To:



Nat the Knight was featured in the parade to promote this year's National Night Out in Coppell (TX).