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Have you signed your neighborhood up for the Aug. 2 National Night Out?

Crime prevention starts in your own backyard so organize your neighbors for a block party or neighborhood cookout, then make sure you let the police department know about your plans! The citywide celebration is slated for 6 p.m.-10 p.m.

So far, 15 neighborhoods have signed up with commitments expected from at least half a dozen more. The Burleson Police Department's two community resource officers, Mike Owen and Jack Goleman, Police Chief Tom Cowan, Commander Chris Havens and the fire marshal's office (along with the smoke trailer and Patches and Pumper) will visit as many neighborhoods as they can. Representatives from Target, the national sponsor for the National Night Out Program, as well as members of the Mayor's Youth Council will also be in attendance. Target is providing silly bands and sidewalk chalk and the police department will hand out stickers, police trading cards and magnets. H-E-B will also visit at least two apartment complexes with the store's mascot, Buddy.

Alsbury Villas apartments will be qualifying for its third level certification in the Crime Free Multi-Housing program by hosting a National Night Out event. Several other apartment complexes are also planning crime prevention events for Aug. 2.

This is the 28<sup>th</sup> annual National Night Out. National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support and participation in anticrime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and to let criminals know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

In 2010, approximately 2,000 residents in four apartment/townhome complexes and in single family homes in more than 10 neighborhoods participated in National Night Out in Burleson. To get involved, email [mowen@burlesontx.com](mailto:mowen@burlesontx.com) or call 817-426-9959 or 817-739-5183.