

MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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SUBJECT:

National Night Out August 7, 2001

TEXT:

On Tuesday, August 7, neighborhoods throughout The City of Live Oak and Sutter County are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "18th Annual National Night Out" (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by the Sutter County Sheriff's Department. It will involve over 9,500 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all, over 32 million people are expected to participate in 'America's Night Out Against crime' on August 7. NNO 2001 is being supported in part by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance and the Sutter County Sheriff's Department.

National Night Out is designed to: 1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 7 to 10 PM on August 7th, residents in neighborhoods throughout Live Oak and Sutter County and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods throughout Live Oak and Sutter County will be hosting a variety of special events such as, block parties, cookouts, visits from police, youth activities, and anticrime rallies.

This year in Live Oak, awards will be given to children (0-12) who create posters depicting one of the following themes; 1) How to catch a bad guy, 2) How to watch out for a bad guy or 3) What to do if a bad guy approaches you. Posters will be judged on the following: Best overall drawing, Most Creative, Best use of color.

Sheriff Jim Denney and his command staff, along with the Sutter County K-9 unit, Boat Patrol, Bike Patrol and Live Oak Fire Department will visit the neighborhoods participating in National Night Out.

If you would like to sign up your neighborhood and live in Live Oak, call Deputy Hadrick at the Sheriff's sub-station in Live Oak at 695-2122, if you live in Sutter County, please contact either Sgt. Porter or Sgt. Casner at 822-7307.

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