

## Media Release

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## Joliet Police to Host National Night Out Event



The Joliet Police Department will be hosting its annual National Night Out against crime. This event is free and open to the public. Please join members of the Joliet Police Department on Tuesday, August 1st from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Joliet Police Department's West Substation located at 7196 Caton Farm Road, Joliet, Illinois.

National Night Out is a year-long community building campaign designed to: (1) heighten crime prevention awareness; (2) generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; (3) strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) send a message to criminals to let them know that our neighborhoods are organized and committed to keeping their neighborhood safe.

Joliet Police Chief Brian Benton states, "It is the mission of the Joliet Police Department to work with the community for a safe city, and the National Night Out Against Crime event is a valuable tool to help us accomplish that mission."

This annual event brings together citizens, local officials, and businesses, along with law enforcement to increase anti-crime awareness. On this night, all residents are encouraged to turn on their porch lights as a symbol of solidarity against crime.

This year the Joliet Police Department would like to invite the public to an open house at its West substation. A variety of police vehicles will be on display. Officers will be present with crime prevention tips and information on establishing or participating in Neighborhood Watch programs. Free child ID cards will be offered for children ages 2-12.

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