

**The City of Elko Police Department, Elko
Sheriff's Office,
Elko Fire Department, Nevada Division of
Forestry and
Elko County
Emergency Services Community**

Ask that you please join us for the

**“National Night Out Against
Crime”**

Tuesday, August 3rd, 2010

6:00pm to 9:00pm

at the

Main City of Elko Park

We will be serving Food and Refreshments
Interesting & Informative Exhibits,
fun forums and safety tips for children and adults

Open Forums to talk with Law Enforcement and Emergency
Services

about how we all can learn to identify problems to help protect
and make our community safer.

Meet and talk local law enforcement & emergency service officers
from the:

Elko Police Department, Elko County Sheriff's Office, Nevada
Highway Patrol

Police Athletic League PAL, City of Elko Fire Department,
Nevada Division of Forestry, Elko County
Ambulance Service, PACE, Elko Central Dispatch, Child &
Family Services and many others.

AMERICAS NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME Giving Crime & Drugs a Going Away Party

The Elko Police Department, Local Law Enforcement Community and Local Emergency Services would like to invite you and your family to the **27th annual National Night Out**. This will be the City of Elko region 4th annual **National Night Out Against Crime**. The National Night Out program provides a forum for the community to express their opinions, ideas and concerns on crime prevention in the community as well as receive expert advice from law enforcement identifying crime, drug and safety related issues. The **National Night Out** also provides a setting for the community to meet their Law Enforcement and Emergency Service officers in a positive setting. You will have the opportunity to learn about creating your own neighborhood watch, drug awareness, crime prevention, emergency preparedness, child safety and many other topics including the answers to your own questions and offering your opinions and concerns.

This years **National Night Out** will be held at the main Elko City Park on Tuesday, August 3rd from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. We will provide food and refreshments as well as door prizes, fun games and gifts for kids of all ages. There will be key note speakers from the City of Elko Police Department, the Elko County Sheriffs Office and Community Leaders. We will have tables set up by the Elko Police Department, Elko County Sheriffs Office, Elko Fire Department, Elko Ambulance Service, Nevada Highway Patrol and Nevada Division of Forestry and many others all with information for you as well as to listen to your concerns, ideas and opinions.

Help make the Elko region a Crime Free Community, send a message to criminals by organizing as a community and attending the **National Night Out Against Crime** on Tuesday, August 4th at the main City Park from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. If you are unable to attend then please show your support of the **National Night Out Against Crime** by turning on all of your exterior lights at dusk and let the criminals know we are all watching.

What is National Night Out?

It's America's *Night Out* Against Crime!

The "27th Annual National Night Out" (NNO), is a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the [National Association of Town Watch](#) (NATW).

Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over **11,310 communities** from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, over **35.4 million** people participated in NNO 2009.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- ◆ Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- ◆ Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- ◆ Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- ◆ Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The History of NATW and National Night Out

The National Association of Town Watch (NATW) is a nonprofit, crime prevention organization which works in cooperation with thousands of crime watch groups and law enforcement agencies throughout the country. Since 1981, NATW has been dedicated to the development, growth and maintenance of organized crime and drug prevention programs nationwide. NATW's network has grown to include over 6,500 crime, drug and violence prevention organizations.

National Night Out, 'America's Night Out Against Crime,' was introduced by the Association in 1984. The program was the brainchild of NATW Executive Director Matt A. Peskin.

In an effort to heighten awareness and strengthen participation in local anticrime efforts, Peskin felt that a high-profile, high-impact type of crime prevention event was needed nationally. At that time, he noted that in a typical 'crime watch community', only 5 to 7% of the residents were participating actively. Due to the growth and success of these programs, he

felt this percentage was too low. Subsequently, he proposed a national program which would be coordinated by local crime prevention agencies and organizations - but that would involve entire communities at one time. The first National Night Out was introduced early in 1984 - with the event culminating on the first Tuesday in August.

That first year, 400 communities in 23 states participated in National Night Out. Nationwide, 2.5 million Americans took part in 1984. The seed had been planted. In subsequent years, participation has grown steadily. The 24th Annual National Night Out last August involved **35.4 million people in 11,310 communities from all 50 states**, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide. National Night Out 2008 will culminate on August 5th. Over 12,000 communities are expected to take part.

While the traditional 'lights on' and front porch vigils remain a part of NNO, activities have expanded considerably over the years to include block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from police, festivals, neighborhood walks, safety fairs, contests, rallies and meetings.

Peskin said, "It's a wonderful opportunity for communities nationwide to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie. While the one night is certainly not an answer to crime, drugs and violence, National Night Out does represent the kind of spirit, energy and determination that is helping to make many neighborhoods safer places throughout the year. It [NNO] is a night to celebrate safety and crime prevention successes - and to expand and strengthen programs for the next 364 days."