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“National Night Out” Moves to October!

The first Tuesday in August in Alvin is known for at least two things: the oppressive heat of a Texas summer, and National Night Out. For the past sixteen years the Alvin Police Department has been proud to participate in this national effort. Over the years many Texas residents, including many in Alvin, have asked for this event to be moved to a milder time of the year. Therefore the National Association of Town Watch, the national sponsor of National Night Out, is requesting that Texas residents move their events from August to October. The Alvin Police Department is pleased to support this change. This year, along with many other Texas cities, Alvin will be celebrating National Night Out in October; the first Tuesday in October: October 7, 2008, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) heighten crime prevention awareness; (2) generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime 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.

Last year a record-breaking thirty-two neighborhood events were planned and carried out within the city of Alvin. Residents throughout the city locked their doors, turned on outside lights, and spent the evening outside with their neighbors. Many neighborhoods hosted block parties, barbecues, covered-dish dinners, and enjoyed visits from members of the Alvin Police Department and other City officials.

As we look forward to the departure of these summer temperatures let's also look forward to another year of record-breaking participation for National Night Out in Alvin! The safety of our community depends upon neighbors watching out for each other. “National Night Out 2008” will be the perfect opportunity for meeting with your neighbors and getting to know them better. Chief of police, Mike Merkel said, “The National Night Out program is an excellent way to discuss issues that affect the neighborhood to the police department when they visit you, and the concept of networking with your neighbors strengthens the security of your neighborhood.”

If you and your neighbors have traditionally participated the first Tuesday in August, we're asking that you move your event to the first Tuesday in October this year. If you have any questions or comments regarding National Night Out please call Crime Prevention Officer Ruben Solano at (281) 585-7124. CPO Solano encourages all neighborhoods to participate and to make the move to October. He says, “We are excited about this move. National Night Out has become a tradition in Alvin, and I don't believe anyone will miss the heat.”