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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT SET FOR AUGUST 3

Beech Grove police officers invite residents to a cookout at the Eagles; encourage community members to turn on lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors

Beech Grove, IN—July 23, 2010—Neighbors throughout Beech Grove are invited to join forces with communities throughout the country for the 27th Annual National Night Out crime and drug prevention event on Tuesday, August 3.

From 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Beech Grove police officers and members of the Beech Grove Eagles #4167 invite residents to join them at a cookout, with free hot dogs in the Eagles' parking lot at 712 Main Street. Officers will be on hand to meet with citizens and distribute DNA kits and other safety items as well as toys for children. Police officers also will be on bicycle patrols in designated neighborhoods that evening.

Residents throughout Beech Grove and across the U.S. are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with their fellow neighbors and police officers from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. that night.

National Night Out serves to:

- heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- generate support for and participation in local anti-crime efforts
- strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships
- send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and are fighting back.

Sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Beech Grove Police Department, National Night Out involves more than 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canada and military bases around the world. In total, more than 37 million people are expected to participate in "America's night out against crime."

The 2010 event is supported in part by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

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