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WHO: East Hartford Police Department, East Hartford community

WHAT: National Night Out

WHERE: East Hartford Public Safety Complex, 31 School Street

WHEN: August 7, 2018; 5-8 pm.

The East Hartford Police Department is preparing for its annual town-wide block party and would like to invite the entire community to come out on Tuesday, August 7 for a night of fun and partnership.

Dunk tanks and bounce houses, photo booths and music, giveaways and fun activities—all of these and much more will be waiting for you on August 7th from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Public Safety Complex in town.

This town-wide block party is not only a great family-friendly community event, but it also carries an important message behind it.

"America's Night Out against Crime" is a nationwide event with the goal to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and send a positive message that neighborhoods are fighting against crime. This is accomplished through a friendly, fun-filled atmosphere for kids and adults alike.

East Hartford Police Chief Scott Sansom and the East Hartford Police Department are proud to say that neighborhoods throughout East Hartford will join forces with over 38.5 million people in more than 16,500 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world for the "National Night Out" crime prevention event.

As part of the event, residents throughout East Hartford and across the nation are asked to spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. This 'town wide block party' will take place at the East Hartford Public Safety Complex, 31 School Street, East Hartford, and will include displays and presentations from the East Hartford Police Department, East Hartford Fire

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Department, East Hartford Youth Services, American Red Cross, and more. Some of the highlights of the evening include a police K-9 demonstration, equipment presentations, bounce house, dunk tank, give-a-ways, music, activities, photo booth, and even a visit from McGruff the Crime Dog.

"National Night Out' is another great opportunity to bring police and the community we protect and serve together under positive circumstances," said Chief Sansom. "It brings back a true sense of community, and it is fun for the whole family. Everyone is welcome."