



On behalf of the Bartlett Police Department, we cordially invite you to participate in the Village of Bartlett's **17th Annual National Night Out Block Party and Lighting Competition**. Here is some information to aid you in planning a successful event.

#### **What is National Night Out?**

National Night Out is a unique crime and drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. It is designed to (1) Heighten crime and drug 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 letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

National Night Out, which culminates on Tuesday, August 3rd, 2010, will involve over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. A record 36 million people participated in National Night Out 2009.

Last year, the Village of Bartlett was ranked **2nd** in the nationwide National Night Out campaign. Bartlett competed in a category involving towns with populations of 15,000 – 49,999. Bartlett's campaign involved citizens, law enforcement, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations, and local officials. We couldn't have achieved such success without the outstanding cooperation and participation we received from everyone involved. This year, we are asking Bartlett residents to register their neighborhood for the 2010 National Night Out Block Party Competition.

We will be celebrating the **27th** Anniversary of National Night Out.

The Block Party and Lighting Competition will be held **Saturday, July 31st, 2010**. You can arrange your Block Party to your preferences, and you can have your party run for the hours if you wish. Judging for the Block Party Competition will begin at approximately 3:00 p.m. Judging for the Lighting Competition will begin at 8:30 p.m., darkness permitting. Plan your events accordingly. Each block party will be visited by members of the Bartlett Fire Department and the Bartlett Police Department which may include: the Crime Prevention Unit, "McGruff" the Crime Dog, the K-9 unit, bike patrol unit, and patrol division.

#### **Tips for a successful event:**

- Provide the Crime Prevention Unit with your agenda and any flyers you distribute.
- Have a sign in sheet to show participation.
- Take pictures. Provide pictures to the Crime Prevention Unit. Pictures will assist in preparing our award presentation to the National Association of Town Watch.
- Encourage everyone to participate. For example, at the Block Party, try to have each family bring their favorite game or meal/dish.
- Promote!!! Make banners and signs advertising your neighborhood's efforts to support National Night Out, crime prevention, and Bartlett Police Department.
- Advertise National Night Out. **Artwork is available** for flyers and posters.
- Delegate and make sure that this is a true team effort.

**On Tuesday, August 3rd, 2010, the winning neighborhood will be announced during the National Night Out celebration at Bartlett Park. The festivities will begin at 5:00 p.m. and end at approximately 9:00 p.m. The winner will be presented with a sign that will be displayed in their neighborhood for one year.**

If you have any further questions please contact Officer Victoria Anderson at (630) 837-0846.

Sincerely,

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