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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Pacifica, CA- The City of Pacifica and the Pacifica Police Department invite you to participate in NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2015.

Like many cities on the Peninsula, on Tuesday, August 4th, 2015 Pacifica will be participating in the 32ND Annual National Night Out. Always the first Tuesday in August, this national campaign 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.

For more information visit the National Night Out website: http://www.nationalnightout.org/

The City of Pacifica is supporting the original spirit of National Night Out by inviting residents and businesses to turn on their porch lights and get out and meet their neighbors in informal block gatherings and activities. When residents on a block know each other, the neighborhood and the community is safer and stronger.

Many blocks, apartment complexes and businesses annually register to participate in the event. Some are having ice cream socials, some are having barbecues, and others are just having residents and owners turn on their porch light between 6:30 and 9:00 PM. It is up to each block and business that participates to decide how they want to gather together with their neighbors. You don't have to be an official neighborhood watch group to participate in National Night Out. You may be a couple of neighbors who merely want to get to know each other better and promote safety in your neighborhood. This is a great way to start and begin an annual tradition in your neighborhood.

There is still plenty of time for interested blocks and businesses to register in this community-wide focus on crime prevention. When you register for National Night Out, command staff from the Pacifica Police Department will stop by your event to recognize your participation. The event is open to all residents, blocks and businesses in the City of Pacifica. Register by Friday, July 24TH, 2015 by:

- 1) Telephoning the Crime Prevention Office at: 650-738-7324, or
- 2) Send an interest email to dumandanr@pacificapolice.org

"We are really excited to be bringing National Night Out to the block level. This is a great opportunity for neighbors and business communities to get to know each other and if they aren't already part of Neighborhood Watch, this will be a perfect time to get it started!" - Interim Chief of Police Dan Steidle.

Please help us make your neighborhood and business safer and take a stand against crime. Please report all criminal behavior, join a neighborhood watch program, and help anyone that might fall victim to a crime. If a Neighborhood Watch doesn't exist on your block, you can start one with help from the Pacifica Police Department. For additional information about the City of Pacifica Neighborhood Watch Program, call Rudy Dumandan at (650)738-7324 or drop him a note at dumandanr@pacificapolice.org.

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