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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – OCTOBER 2, 2018 PLANO TO JOIN CITIES NATIONWIDE FOR AMERICA’S NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

On Tuesday, October 2nd, neighborhoods throughout Plano are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the “35th Annual National Night Out” (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by the Plano Police Department, will involve over 16,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all, over 37.5 million people are expected to participate in America’s Night Out Against Crime.

National Night Out, a year-long community building campaign, is designed to: (1) heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime 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.

From 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on October 2nd, residents in neighborhoods throughout Plano and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods throughout Plano will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from local officials and police, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities, and anticrime rallies.

Chief Gregory W. Rushin stated, “The level of citizen participation in National Night Out directly reflects the degree of commitment the community and Police Department share to keep Plano safe.”

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