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### National Night Out 2007

(Grand Junction, CO) – Neighborhoods throughout Grand Junction are invited to join with thousands of communities nationwide on Tuesday, August 7, 2007, to participate in *National Night Out*. Grand Junction Police officers, firefighters and City leaders will attend neighborhood parties throughout Grand Junction in an effort to heighten awareness of and citizen participation in drug and crime prevention efforts, build up neighborhood spirit, and strengthen relationships between community members and police officers.

“This is a great time to get to know your neighbors better at an event you design just for your block. When neighbors know and care about each other, they feel more comfortable reporting crime and suspicious behavior to police. More people watching out for each other and calling 911 will make your block a safer place,” said GJPD Officer Brian Gregor.

For more information about how to coordinate a National Night Out event in your neighborhood, and request a presentation by the City’s public safety personnel, please call the GJPD’s Community Advocacy Program at 244-3630 or visit [www.gjcity.org](http://www.gjcity.org).

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Background: National Night Out, "America's night out against crime," was introduced to America in 1984 by the National Association of Town Watch, a nonprofit, crime prevention organization that works with citizen-led watch groups and law enforcement agencies throughout the country. In 2006, more than 34 million people from all 50 states were involved.