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Orland Park Police to Host Annual National Night Out



The Orland Park Police Department will host its National Night Out Against Crime on Tuesday, August 4, 2015. The village joins communities across the country with its "Orland Park's National Night Out Against Crime" from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Orland Park Village Center, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue.

"National Night Out is an Orland Park summer favorite," said Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin. "The Police Department offers a fun and educational evening for the whole family and we look forward to it every year. This is a great way for kids to see all of the emergency equipment up close and to meet Orland Park's first responders in a comfortable setting," the mayor said.

National Night Out Against Crime enables residents to meet Orland Park police officers including the Bike Patrol, Traffic Unit, Motor Cycle Unit, DARE and school resource officers. The Carl Sandburg High School Color Guard will perform along with music provided by Electric Blue. Jim Nesci's Cold Blooded Creatures will make an appearance along with Mr. D's Magic Show.

"This event is a great night for the Orland Park Police Department," said Trustee Dan Calandriello, chair of the village's Public Safety Committee. "It gives up an opportunity to show the community all that the department offers and lets kids meet police officers in a comfortable, fun environment," he said.

Residents across the country are encouraged to turn on their porch lights as a statement against crime before joining the festivities held in their towns.

"Orland Park's National Night Out is another way to raise crime prevention awareness among our residents," said Orland Park Police Chief Timothy McCarthy. "It's an opportunity for everyone to learn ways to be cautious and aware of criminal activity while hopefully making people more comfortable with police officers."

Orland Park's National Night Out will also include a free community document shred, provided by ProShred, an Orland Park based mobile document destruction company. Families are invited to bring 100 pounds of documents to National Night Out to have them shredded for free as part of the Orland Park Police Department's Identity Theft Prevention Program.

Attendees will be able to see the prisoner van, squad cars, and motorcycle units up close. Free children's DNA kits will be available for parents.

Additional information is available by calling the Orland Park Police Department's non-emergency number, 708-349-4111.