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33rd Annual National Night Out Festivities

Kick Off Party - Downtown Copperas Cove

The 19th Annual National Night Out Kick Off Party has been scheduled for **Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 6pm to 8pm**. The Copperas Cove Police Department will be hosting the event, being held in Downtown Copperas Cove, at Avenue E and South Main Street. Hotdogs, chips, cookies, popcorn, and soft drinks will be served. Numerous children and adult activities, as well as door prizes will be given away throughout the evening. Some of the events are at no charge and others are priced at only .25 cents each. McGruff the Crime Dog, Sparky the Fire Dog, Eddie Eagle, and H-E-Buddy will all also be at the party. Musical entertainment will be provided by the YMCA with special guest Joe Lombardi announcing throughout the evening. Everyone is invited so come on out, meet your neighbors, and have some fun!

Neighborhood Block Parties

The "33rd Annual National Night Out" (NNO) has been scheduled for **Tuesday, October 4, 2016 from 6pm to 9pm**. The Copperas Cove Police Department cordially invites all neighborhoods in Copperas Cove to be part of our NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2016 team, 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 partnership; and (4) send a message to the criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. For the 19th consecutive year we are asking residents in neighborhoods to lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Suggestions for outdoor functions include, but are not limited to: block parties, cookouts, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities and anti-crime and drug rallies.

Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 16,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, over 38 million people participated in National Night Out 2015.

Block party registration forms can be obtained by contacting Sgt. Martin Ruiz at 254-547-8222 ext. 6956 or mruiz@copperascovetx.gov, picked up at the Copperas Cove Police Department, or downloaded from the City Website at www.copperascovetx.gov. Any further questions can be directed to Sgt. Martin Ruiz.