




# POLICE

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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

(Wilton Manors, FL)- National Night Out is an annual celebration on the first Tuesday in August held by neighborhoods across the country that strive to promote community partnerships and build relationships between community members and public safety departments.

On Tuesday, August 2, 2016 from 6pm to 10pm, neighbors throughout Wilton Manors will join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the “33rd Annual National Night Out Crime and Drug Prevention” event. The National Association of Town Watch- National Night Out is co-sponsored locally by the Wilton Manors Police Department (WMPD). In all, over 16,000 communities and about 38 million people worldwide are expected to participate.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten awareness against crime prevention and drug awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts; (3) strengthen police and community partnership; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized, aware, and fighting back.

During this event residents in neighborhoods throughout Wilton Manors and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and the police. Many neighborhoods throughout Wilton Manors will be hosting a variety of special events such

as block parties and cookouts. WMPD has always had a strong bond with its citizens and you can expect to see our Officers out in force.

Wilton Manors Police Chief Paul O'Connell is very involved in community events and firmly believes that any problem in our community can be solved if we work together. Chief O'Connell is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life through Citizen Participation, and maintaining high professional standards for his Officers. He believes that if citizens and the police work together, we can rid our community of drugs and crime.

As always if you See Something Suspicious, Say Something by calling 954-764-HELP (4357) or simply dial 9-1-1.

National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships in our fight to build a safer nation, one community at a time. WMPD looks forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones in our effort to fight crime during this important night.

To view the location list for the 2016 Neighborhood Block Parties being held throughout the City of Wilton Manors visit: **[www.wiltonmanors.com/nno](http://www.wiltonmanors.com/nno)**.

For more information about The National Association of Town Watch and National Night Out visit: **[www.natw.org](http://www.natw.org)**.

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