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## **National Night Out In Tacoma and Pierce County**

Tacoma, WA (August 2, 2016) — Let's celebrate National Night Out together! National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. National Night Out is celebrated by spending the evening outside; hosting block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel and exhibits.

"National Night Out provides a perfect opportunity for people to get to know their neighbors, connect with law enforcement and continue the important work of making all neighborhoods in Pierce County safe, clean and healthy," said Priscilla Lisicich, Executive Director of Safe Streets Campaign. Tuesday, August 2, join 38.3 million people in over 16 thousand communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide enjoying themselves at National Night Out. In Pierce County, diverse communities come together to produce unique celebrations with neighbors, elected officials and law enforcement, making a statement against crime.

### **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:**

- Engage community members to prevent crime;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs like Safe Streets;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized to fight back.

National Night Out is nationally sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), ADT, Nextdoor, Associa, and co-sponsored locally by Safe Streets. Safe Streets partners with Pierce County Sheriff's Department and Tacoma Police Department to strengthen relationships with residents. National Project Coordinator, Matt Peskin said, "This is a night for America to stand together and promote awareness, safety, and neighborhood unity. National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement. When law enforcement and the community work closely together, some amazing things can happen."

A list of local National Night Out parties is available on Safe Streets' website at [www.safest.org](http://www.safest.org). For more information contact the Safe Streets office at 253.272.6825 or email Traci Kelly at [tkelly@safest.org](mailto:tkelly@safest.org).

### **About Safe Streets**

Safe Streets Campaign is the first private, non-profit organization that unites neighbors against crime—a model for other programs nationwide. Serving Tacoma and Pierce County since 1989, Safe Streets builds safer communities. Both private and public funds support Safe Streets' efforts. Learn more at [www.safest.org](http://www.safest.org).

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