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**Public Safety Expo kicks off National Night Out festivities in The Woodlands**

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (July 10, 2013) – Have you ever wanted to be behind the wheel of a fire truck or patrol car, see the inside of law enforcement mobile command units or try out the equipment of various public safety agencies? To experience the lights and sirens of public safety, visit the National Night Out Public Safety Expo in The Woodlands. This free, hands-on event is scheduled for Saturday, September 21, 2013, from noon to 3 p.m., at Northshore Park, located at 2505 Lake Woodlands Drive 77380.

Coordinated by The Woodlands Township, the Public Safety Expo offers fun to residents young and old! The various agencies attending will also have giveaways and information to distribute. The agencies expected to attend include:

- Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, including a K-9 demonstration
- Harris County Sheriff's Office, including a K-9 demonstration
- Montgomery County Constable Precinct 3
- Harris County Constable Precinct 4
- The Woodlands Fire Department
- Montgomery County Fire Marshal
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)
- Texas Rangers
- Department of Homeland Security/Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland
- Security Alpha & Omega Mounted Security Patrol
- Texas Army National Guard
- U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
- Montgomery County Juvenile Probation
- Montgomery County Search & Rescue
- Montgomery County Hospital District
- Montgomery County Emergency Communications District 9-1-1
- Texas Equusearch
- DWI Tracker



- Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission
- Crime Stoppers
- The Woodlands Community Emergency Response Team

Residents will also find free food (sponsored by H.E.B), a bounce house, music, face painting, games and more. Guests will include Puffy Pinecone, McGruff the Crime Dog, Smokey Bear and Carey Bear from Memorial Herman Hospital. Free parking will be available across from North Shore Park. Eco Taxi will be available to help safely shuttle residents to the park entrance. New this year, residents can try out their driving skills on the texting while driving simulator or view the consequences of not buckling up at the car rollover simulator.

The official date of Neighborhood National Night Out in Texas is Tuesday, October 1, 2013. Residents are encouraged to gather between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. on their street or in a nearby park to meet neighbors and local public safety officials. How a neighborhood celebrates is up to the people who live there; it can be something as simple as popsicles for the kids or a full-blown potluck dinner. The purpose of National Night Out is to fight crime by bringing neighbors together, because neighbor knowing neighbor is one of the most effective ways to prevent crime. Local law enforcement and The Woodlands Fire Department will briefly visit with residents of many of those neighborhoods who register their party with the Township. To register a party, residents should call 281-210-3800 or visit [www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/nationalnightout](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/nationalnightout).

Residents are encouraged to create a thank you poster for deputies and firefighters at their neighborhood parties. All posters will be given to the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Harris County Constable Office Pct. 4 and The Woodlands Fire Department. Other party activities include a food drive to benefit the Interfaith Food Pantry.

Visit [www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/nationalnightout](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/nationalnightout) for details of other contests and events or call 281-210-3800. For more information on The Woodlands Township government, please call 281-210-3800 or visit [www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov).

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