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SOUTH BEND POLICE DEPARTMENT TO HOST NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ANTI-CRIME EVENT

The South Bend Police Department will host the city's "National Night Out: America's Night Out Against Crime" event from 5:30-8 pm on Tuesday, August 4, at the South Bend Police Department, 701 W. Sample Street. The event is free and open to the public.

The National Night Out event will include refreshments, entertainment, games, and giveaways. South Bend Parks and Recreation will have its rock climbing wall and inflatables on site; Little Caesars Pizza, Sweet Frog Yogurt, Krispy Crème Donuts will provide refreshments; and there will be demonstrations of a Police K-9 apprehending a criminal and a bomb-defusing robot, along with tours of the Med-Flight Helicopter from 5:30-6:30 pm.

South Bend residents are also encouraged to participate by turning on their home or porch lights beginning at 9 pm to show support for National Night Out and promote neighborhood safety.

The National Night Out program began in 1984 as a way to promote citizen involvement in crime prevention activities and police-community partnerships.

"National Night Out helps generate awareness of local anti-crime efforts, including the steps residents can take to protect themselves," says Police Chief Ron Teachman. "Not only do these gatherings strengthen law enforcement's relationship to the community, thus improving all residents' quality of life, it also sends a message that we're united in the fight against crime."

The program on the first Tuesday of every August involves nearly 38 million people and more than 16,000 communities across the country, and U.S. territories and military bases worldwide.

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