



America's Night Out Against Crime

August 3, 2010

Join members of your community, the San Leandro Police Department, and the Alameda County Fire Department in the 28th Annual National Night Out (NNO), sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 15,000 communities. In all, it is estimated that in 2009 over 36 million people participated in "American's Night Out Against Crime."

NNO is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, Neighborhood Watch Programs and other anti-crime efforts;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and Police/Community relations; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are fighting back against crime.

The National Association of Town Watch was established in 1981 as a nonprofit, crime prevention organization. The first National Night Out was introduced in 1984. San Leandro has a long history of participating in National Night Out. For more than 20 years members of the Police Department have been visiting neighborhood activities throughout the City. In 2009, 43 neighborhood events took place. We would like to encourage members of the community to participate in the 2010 National Night Out.



If your homeowner association or neighborhood is planning something special on August 3rd, members of the Police Department would like to stop by to introduce themselves between the hours of 6:30 and 9:00 p.m. Please contact the Administrative Services Division through Police Officer Tim DeGrano (tdegrano@sanleandro.org or 577-3248) or Sergeant Luis Torres (ltorres@sanleandro.org or 577-3247).



WHY HAVE A BLOCK PARTY?????

- To have fun — no excuse is needed to celebrate!
- To meet your neighbors. When you know who lives in your neighborhood the more likely you are to identify strangers or suspicious people.
- To increase the sense of belonging in your neighborhood.
- To make additional connections within the community. When you know people, you can exchange skills or resources and perhaps organize a baby-sitting co-op, share walking to school duties or find new friends for your children.
- To address neighborhood concerns and interests.
- To meet some of the old-time residents in the neighborhood and learn the neighborhood's history.
- To have a neighborhood clean-up day, play some good music and barbecue once all of the work is done.
- To start an annual neighborhood tradition of getting together.

2nd Annual "National Night Out" Walk

For the second year, San Leandro will begin the 2010 “National Night Out” with a walk from the San Leandro Main Library to the Police Department. Citizens for a Safer San Leandro, representatives from Neighborhood Watch groups, and members of the Business Community will join Mayor Tony Santos and Police Chief Ian Willis at 5:30 p.m. on August 3rd at the Main Library. This event will kick-off “National Night Out” in San Leandro by promoting community partnerships, crime prevention and neighborhood camaraderie.

Representatives from your group are welcome to participate. Please contact Officer Tim DeGrano at 577-3248 or tdegrano@sanleandro.org.



For additional information on “America’s Night Out Against Crime”, please visit the official National Night Out website at www.nationalnightout.org.

