



2009 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
“GIVE CRIME AND DRUGS A GOING AWAY PARTY”



To All National Night Out Participants:

In keeping with the spirit of the National Night Out theme, **“Give Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party”**, the Shreveport Police Department recommends that your National Night Out event be **alcohol free**. Alcohol is in fact a drug, and the use of any drug, whether legal or not, goes against the concept of National Night Out. We would also like to encourage you to create a family atmosphere so that your event will be safe and fun for all ages.

Block parties may run from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. and all parties must shut down by no later than 9 p.m. We are asking all parties cooperate with the time frame designated for National Night Out so that the event will be a positive one for all citizens not just those holding block parties. Officers will be monitoring parties to assure that all parties are over by the time specified.

We are asking for your support and cooperation in conducting block parties so that National Night Out can be a success for all of the citizens of Shreveport.



“TWIN PARISHES CELEBRATE NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME!”

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Neighborhoods throughout Caddo and Bossier Parish are being invited to join forces with our neighbors in Texas for the first ever October celebration of **National Night Out** (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. This marks the 26th year for this event and is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by the cities of Shreveport, Bossier City, Caddo and Bossier Parish. This year's event will be unlike those in years past, it will be in October, which we hope means, cooler weather thus more participation. The National Association of Town Watch has chosen our neighbors in Texas to be the center of a pilot study in the Southern region for holding the annual event in October when, theoretically, the weather was cooler. This may or may not be a permanent change, but for this year we look forward to record turnout.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (2) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

On Tuesday, October 6th, from 6 – 9 PM, residents in neighborhoods throughout Shreveport and Bossier City and both parishes, are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors, emergency response personnel and city officials. Many neighborhoods throughout Caddo and Bossier Parish will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities and anticrime rallies.

Local NNO Coordinator Shreveport Police Sgt. Jim Taliaferro said, "This is a night for all of the participants in both parishes to stand together to promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity. National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight to build a safer nation one city at a time. and we invite all neighborhoods to join us in *Giving Crime & Drugs A Going Away Party.*"

Shreveport residents have participated in NNO for the past 25 years, with a growing number of new block parties every year. Last year Shreveport-Bossier boasted well over 150 registered block parties. Citizens who wish to have their streets blocked off for their parties, will be required to register with the Shreveport Police Department for street closures either on the city's webpage, the police department's webpage or by contacting the **Public Information** Office at 673-6915.



2009 National Night Out Judging Criteria



Please note that there will be a totally different procedure utilized for the judging of the National Night Out block parties. A procedure similar to that of the National Association of Town Watch has been adopted.

Those individuals wishing to have their events judged must submit a written description of the event along with photos (do not use glue on photos), fliers, pamphlets and similar materials (**NO VIDEO TAPES**) to the National Night Out Judging Committee at the following address:

**SHREVEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE
Attn: National Night Out Judging Committee
1234 TEXAS STREET Rm. 145
Shreveport, LA 71101**

All materials submitted become the property of the City of Shreveport and must be submitted by no later than Friday, November 13, 2009.

The following criteria will be utilized by the Judging Committee for all entries submitted:

1. **Narrative**
This should contain the overall results, comments, impressions, impact, and any feedback from participants. It should also document participation and attendance.
2. **Photos**
Submit any photos of your function to indicate or back up your narrative. “*Worth a thousand words*”, right? Try to have “National Night Out” identified in your photos. (Otherwise, the pictures could be from July 4th, Memorial Day, Labor Day, etc.).
3. **Sampling of Printed Material**
Submit any posters, flyers, contest information, etc. that have been used to promote your party.
4. **Originality of event/activities**
Was there a theme to your party? Was the theme original and did your National Night Out activity follow the theme? Was the theme evident throughout the evening?
5. **Miscellaneous**
Other information, materials, documents, etc. that you feel will help communicate how your 2009 National Night Out was marked in your neighborhood.



**2009 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
PARTICIPATION/REGISTRATION FORM**



THE DATE FOR THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT WILL BE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009 AND WE EXPECT THIS YEAR TO BE BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE. THE SHREVEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT ALL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PARTICIPANTS COMPLETE THIS FORM SO THAT WE MAY BETTER SERVE YOU ON THIS SPECIAL EVENING OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:

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**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL 673-6915
or Fax 673-6933**

NAME _____
ADDRESS: _____ ZIP: _____
HOME PHONE#: _____ CELL PHONE#: _____
EXACT LOCATION OF ACTIVITY: _____
APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS EXPECTED: _____
FIRST NNO PARTY: YES NO
TYPE OR THEME OF YOUR EVENT: (block party, barbeque, covered dish, special activities)

FILL OUT THIS FORM ONLY IF YOU HAVEN'T PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED
REMEMBER THAT YOUR EVENT MUST RUN FROM 6 PM UNTIL 9 PM AND
REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN October 28, 2009 SO THAT AS MANY EVENTS AS POSSIBLE WILL BE VISITED BY POLICE OFFICERS AS WELL AS OTHER CITY OFFICIALS.

