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DATE: 08/03/2009

NATURE OF INCIDENT: National Night Out

CASE NO.:

INCIDENT DATE: 08/04/2009

INCIDENT TIME: 1600-2100 (vary by location)
INCIDENT LOCATION: Throughout Duluth
SUBJECT: 26th Annual National Night Out
BY: Public Information Officer Brad Wick

On Tuesday, August 4th, 2009, neighborhoods throughout Duluth are joining forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the**26th Annual National Night Out**. National Night Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Duluth Police Department. It will involve over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, U.S. Military Bases, and Canadian cities around the world. In all, over 37 million people are expected to participate in "America's Night Out Against Crime". National Night Out 2009 is being supported in part by TARGET, the national corporate sponsor.

National Night Out is designed to: heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

In Duluth, there are over 60 events planned such as block parties, cookouts, youth activities, anticrime rallies, and visits from police officers and police K9's. This is a night for America 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. We invite citizens and neighborhoods throughout Duluth to give "Crime and Drugs a going away party".

Go to http://www.duluthmn.gov/police/ and click on "Local Event Listing" under the "National Night Out" icon to find a event/party in your neighborhood.