



RIVERHEAD TOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PRESS RELEASE

On **Tuesday, August 2nd**, the Riverhead Town Police will participate in the 38th Annual **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**. We are asking area residents to observe this night as America's night out against CRIME. **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** is designed to do several different things:

1. Heighten crime and drug awareness.
2. Generate support for, and participate in, local anti-crime programs.
3. Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.
4. Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back against crime.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT will officially kick off with a 2:00 PM Riverhead Town Board Meeting on **Tuesday, August 2nd**, where the **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** poster contest winners will be recognized.

During the early evening hours, The **Riverhead Police Department Crime Prevention Unit** will be visiting neighborhood watch groups that participate in **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** block parties.

Give-aways sponsored by the **Riverhead Police Department Crime Prevention Unit** and a visit by McGruff the Crime Dog are always a highlight at these block parties.

We are asking neighborhoods to hold front porch vigils by leaving your lights on between 7:00 and 10:00 PM and join your neighbors in a variety of events such as block parties, cook outs, flashlight walks, contests and youth programs.

Please call the Riverhead Town Police Crime Prevention Unit at 631-727-4500 X273 or email behr@townofriverheadny.gov by **Monday, July 25, 2022**, to find out what we can do to help make **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** a special one in your community or if you would like information on how to establish a **Neighborhood Watch Team** in your neighborhood.

