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# Press Release

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## **Join the City of Westminster's National Night Out On Crime!**

On Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, neighborhoods throughout the City of Westminster, Carroll County, and across the nation are asked to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "25<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out" event.

National Night Out is sponsored by National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored by the various Law Enforcement Agency's and organizations nationwide. This event will involve over 8,700 communities from 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world.

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

From at least 6 to 10 p.m. on August 4<sup>th</sup>, residents in neighborhoods throughout the City of Westminster, Carroll County, and across the nation are asked to lock their homes, turn on outside lights, and spend the evening outside with

neighbors and police. Events included in this will be block parties, cookouts, sidewalk parades, and visits from police, flashlight walks, and youth activities.

This year's participants and locations are as follows:

Westminster Church of God  
27 North Center Street, Westminster, MD 21157  
6 - 8pm parking lot beside the church

Carroll Lutheran Village  
300 St. Luke Circle, Westminster, MD 21158  
Garden of Memories St Matthew Court  
6:30 - 8:30pm

Kings Park Development  
Long and Foster  
1425 Liberty Rd, Elderburg, MD 21784  
6:00 - 8:00pm Kings Park play area

PNC Bank  
132 W. Main St, Westminster, MD 21157  
6:00 - 8:00pm Bank parking lot

Eagleview Homeowners Association  
Firestone/Tahoma Farm Rd  
6:30 - 8:30pm

In Westminster, Officers have been assigned to various communities, along with McGruff. Contact Sgt. Keith Benfer at the Westminster Police Department 410-848-4646 for more details or have your community participate and visit <http://www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/>