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Lakeway to lock up crime on National Night Out

Join your neighbors in learning how to prevent crime and in supporting the Lakeway Police Department at the annual National Night Out on Oct. 2.

From 4-7:30 p.m., residents in neighborhoods throughout Lakeway and across the state are asked to lock their doors, turn on their outside lights and spend the evening outdoors with neighbors and police. The national event was in August, but Texas observes National Night Out in October.

“We encourage everyone to attend their neighborhood block parties to establish or improve awareness of who lives in their community and what are the crime-related issues in their area,” Lakeway Police Chief Todd Radford said. “We appreciate the level of participation over the years, and we hope the turnout this year is even better.”

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 that neighborhoods are organized against crime. Neighbors participate across thousands of communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide.

“Our staff also looks forward to this evening because of the goodwill it fosters among the community and law enforcement,” Radford said.

Lakeway residents who register their neighborhood events with the department will be able to work with event coordinator Mike Conley, Lakeway Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association director, to schedule visits from Lakeway police officers from 4-7:30 p.m. that evening.

Officers and Lakeway Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association members will visit registered block parties and cookouts to provide informational handouts, giveaways and localized tips for preventing crime. This is a family-friendly event, and participation by all ages is encouraged.

Registration is first come first served, so 30-minute time slots are available on a limited basis. Anyone requesting officer visits at other times that evening will be added to a waiting list.

To register a block party for a visit, contact Conley by 5 p.m. Sept. 21 at director2@lakewaycpaaa.org with an estimated headcount of adults and children and what time you would like to schedule an officer visit. Those who are interested in registering a block party are encouraged to sign up soon.

“We are looking for neighborhood events across the city with the hope of a minimum of 25-30 people attending each party,” Conley said.

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