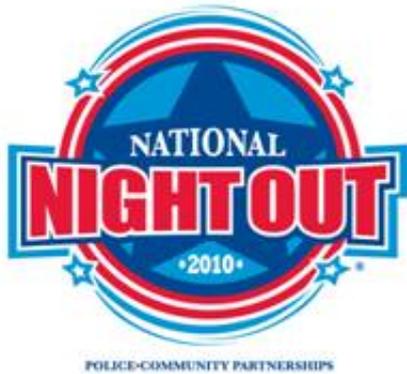


## **National Night Out Plan Beginning in Hoquiam**

### **Local News**

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HOQUIAM, Wash. - Tuesday evening, August 3, 2010, neighborhoods throughout Hoquiam will join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "27th Annual National Night Out" crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Hoquiam Police Department and other local law enforcement agencies, involves over 10,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. Millions of people participate in "America's Night Out Against Crime"; last year Hoquiam hosted eight block parties.

National Night Out provides an opportunity for all community members to get to know one another and build strong networks of communication about what's happening in the neighborhood. Public Officials, Officers and Firefighters from Hoquiam will drop in at each block party to visit with neighbors and talk about important crime prevention and general safety tips.



The Hoquiam Police Department's volunteer CRIME WATCH group also will have information about the "Map Your Neighborhood" program so that everyone is aware of resources and dangers in the neighborhood in case of a future natural disaster.



National Night Out is designed to: (1) heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) generate support for, and participation in local anti-crime efforts; (3) strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

If you want to close your street or utilize a City Park for a party during National Night Out, please contact Tracy Wood at the City of Hoquiam Community Services Department at 360-637-6040. Signs and barricades will be made available for this special event at no cost.

The police department will be providing free flyers and free party items to each block party host. To sign up or to obtain more information regarding this event, call Chief Jeff Myers at 360-532-0892 x 105 or Tracy Wood at 360-637-6040.