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**PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Connecting with The Community Highlights National Night Out** *-- Chico Police Applaud Successful Partnerships --*

**Chico, CA** – The Chico Police Department extends a community-wide ‘Thank You’ to all those who participated in and helped make the 2017 National Night Out event, held Tuesday, August 1, 2017, in the Downtown City Plaza, a huge success.

Following an almost two-year hiatus from hosting a National Night Out program, the department is proud to have presented to the public the opportunity to meet some of the men and women who serve the community and showcase specialized units of the Chico Police Department. In true fashion of National Night Out, the evening highlighted the importance of community policing and of neighbors interacting in positive fashion with members of law enforcement. Chico joined hundreds of cities across the state and country for the nation-wide event which is devoted to building strong community partnerships and raising awareness of crime-prevention techniques.

The Downtown City Plaza came alive with a demonstration from the Police K9 unit, displays of SWAT Team operations, the Motorcycle Unit and opportunities to meet and greet members of the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), Chico Police Explorers, Animal Control and view vintage Chico Police Department vehicles on display.

The Chico Police Department thanks the following partners for support and donated services:

- Downtown Chico Business Association
- Campus Bicycles
- Teri DuBose
- Caring Choices
- Chico Fire Department
- California Highway Patrol
- Boys and Girls Club of The North Valley
- Chico Police Officers’ Association
- Faith Community Group
- Jon and Bon’s Yogurt Shoppe
- Sultan’s Bistro

- Ellis Art & Engineering Supplies
- Upper Crust Bakery
- Tin Roof Bakery
- Denine's Cupcakes
- Steve Davis Orthopedic Massage
- Star Liquors

In addition to events in the City Plaza, 2017 saw a record number of private neighborhood groups and organizations plan and register their National Night Out events. Police Chief Michael O'Brien, members of the Command Staff and TARGET Team canvassed the city visiting numerous private events which took place throughout the community.

"I personally enjoyed seeing the participation in the City Plaza as well as in the neighborhood gatherings in support of this important concept," said Police Chief Michael O'Brien. "Despite the extremely hot weather, many neighbors still came out and came together, demonstrating their commitment to the safety of their neighborhoods and their communities. As their Chief of Police, I both applaud and support those efforts."

2017 marks the 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary of communities across the country recognizing National Night Out.

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