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Communities Come Together for National Night Out
-- Chico Police Encourage Neighborhood Involvement as Crime Prevention Tool --

Chico, CA – The Chico Police Department invites Chico residents and business owners to join neighborhoods across the state and nation to recognize the 34th anniversary of the nationwide event, 2017 National Night Out. The event will be held Tuesday, August 1, 2017. Most neighborhood events are scheduled between 6:00PM and 8:00PM. The Chico Police Department invites neighborhoods to register for National Night Out 2017. Registering in advance allows for police and other city representatives to be aware of planned events which offers the opportunity to attend and meet citizens. **Registration is free by calling Crime Prevention Officer Ed Nelson at 530.897.4942.**

National Night Out is a time for community members to come together to raise awareness of crime and drug prevention techniques and to learn how individuals play a collective role in keeping their communities and residents safe. National Night Out serves several purposes:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support for and participation in local anti-crime efforts
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships
- Send a message to criminals: neighborhoods are organized and will not tolerate crime

Participating in National Night Out is simple. Neighborhood residents are asked to turn on outside lights, lock their doors and spend the evening outside with fellow neighbors and police. Law enforcement agencies encourage neighbors to use the evening to discuss issues important to their communities, creating a plan to protect common areas or coordinating a neighborhood watch program. Residents are reminded to be as creative as they wish in identifying solutions to the issues unique to their specific communities.

Register your neighborhood for the Tuesday, August 1, 2017 National Night Out event. Your community does not have to already be involved in a Neighborhood Watch program to take part. **Register at 530.897.4942.**

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The Chico Police Department is committed to ensuring our community is a safe place to live, work, and recreate within!