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**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – AUGUST 2, 2011
ANTIOCH TO JOIN CITIES NATIONWIDE FOR
“AMERICA’S NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME”**

On Tuesday, August 2, 2011, neighborhoods throughout Antioch are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the “28th Annual National Night Out” (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored by the Village of Antioch, will involve over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all, over 37 million people are expected to participate in “America’s Night Out Against Crime”. NNO 2011 is being supported in part by TARGET, a national corporate sponsor.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime 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.

From 7-10 pm on August 2nd, residents in neighborhoods throughout Antioch and across the nation, are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods throughout Antioch will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from police, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities and anticrime rallies.

Chief Somerville said, “This is a night out for America to stand together to promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity. National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight to build a safer nation. On NNO, we invite neighborhoods nationwide to join us in *Giving Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party*.”

Antioch’s event will be held at the Bandshell located at 900 Skidmore Drive, and will include the Police Explorers, Hands on Fire Trucks, Domestic Violence Unit, Bounce House, Identity Kits, and Food (hot dogs and chips).

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