

# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

## WHAT IS IT?

- ✓ Each year, on the second Tuesday in August, communities across the city gather together to celebrate the relationship between the community and the police and to send a message to criminals that the community is united against them.
- ✓ The New York City Police Department has participated since 1984, the event's first year.

## WHAT HAPPENS?

Each precinct plans their own event. Activities often include:

- ✓ candlelight vigils
- ✓ anti-crime rallies
- ✓ cookouts
- ✓ block parties in front of the precinct house
- ✓ youth programs
- ✓ lectures and information sessions from various local, state, and national law enforcement agencies (from the bomb squad to the FBI) on how they work.

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- ✓ Most National Night Out events are organized by individual precincts. Go to your Precinct Community Council or talk to your community affairs officer and let them know that you want next year's celebration to take place in your park.

## SIMILAR EVENTS YOU CAN HOLD THROUGHOUT THE SEASON

- ✓ The goal of National Night Out Against Crime is to support and galvanize community and police partnership against crime and to show criminals that they are not welcome in your area.
- ✓ If you don't want to wait until next August to host such an event, remember that you can organize a safety/police fair for any time during the season.
- ✓ Each precinct has a community affairs officer and an anti-crime officer who will be glad to make presentations or set up bike identification or child registration stations.