

# *Carol Stream Police Department*

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

*For Immediate Release*

On Tuesday, August 7, 2007 neighborhoods throughout Carol Stream are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "24th 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 locally by the Carol Stream Police Dept., will involve over 10,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories and Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all, over 34 million people are expected to participate in "America's Night Out Against Crime" on August 7th. NNO 2007 is being supported by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

National Night Out is designed to: 1) Heighten crime prevention 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 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on August 7th, residents in neighborhoods throughout Carol Stream and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. One major celebration is occurring in Carol Stream:

- From 6 p.m. to dusk a community barbecue is being hosted in Community Park (on Thornhill Dr. east of Schmale). The event is being sponsored by, the Joint Council of Southeast Carol Stream, Outreach Community Center and The Carol Stream Police Department. Food, games, numerous Carol Stream police officers and a live band will highlight the event.

If you have any questions regarding these events or would like to host your own event, please contact Officer Rich Garza/ Special Operations Unit at 630-871-6201.

National Project Coordinator Matt Peskin said, "This is a night 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 August 1st, we invite neighborhoods nationwide to join us in *Giving Crime and Drugs A Going Away Party.*"

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