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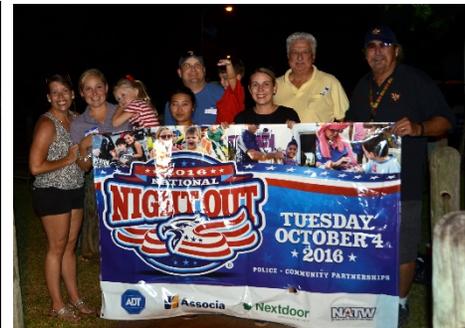
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# La Porte Police Dept’s “National Night Out” expands on positive relations within community



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On Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup>, the citizens of La Porte joined members of the Police, Fire, and EMS Department in celebrating National Night Out. As in previous years, the occasion was highlighted by the Police Department's annual open house. However, several neighborhood gatherings were also held throughout the community and were attended by personnel from the City's Emergency Services as well as members of City Council.

This year's residential National Night Out events in La Porte varied depending on the neighborhood. Some neighborhoods hosted block parties, complete with food and refreshments, while other community members planned their events in nearby parks, advertising it within HOA newsletters weeks before the event. Other residents simply gathered among centrally-located neighborhood homes and socialized as children played.

In addition to over 600 citizens attending such neighborhood-centered outreach efforts, nearly 450 citizens visited the Police Department's open house at the Herbert Freeman Police facility. Open house attractions included guided tours of the police department, courtesy of the police department's dedicated Citizen Police Academy volunteer staff, Youth Explorer Post, and Communications Division. Other displays and demonstrations were provided by emergency services personnel from throughout Harris County, including visits from Sheriff Ron Hickman and Constable Phil Sandlin, along with several of their agency deputies. Additional emergency response and service organizations represented were Port of Houston Police, U.S. Army, and Harris County Marine Division, Mounted Patrol, & Community Service Divisions.

A number of City of La Porte members were on hand to represent the Police Communications Division, Crime Victim's Services, Bomb Squad, SWAT, DARE Program, Bicycle Patrol Unit, and Animal Control, as well as staff from the Office of Emergency Management, Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services, Fire Marshall's Office, and Municipal Court. Furthermore, associates from Beacon Credit Union, Wells Fargo, and area State Farm Insurance agents comprised local business involvement, while members of San Jacinto College and the Bridge provided information on community awareness and opportunities. Representing area support units were Greater Houston Search & Rescue, Operation Lifesaver Train Safety, Lyondell 911, PHI helicopter services and the La Porte Fire Department's ladies auxiliary. Food and refreshments were graciously provided by Beacon Credit Union, H.E.B., Mr. Barry Beasley, and the La Porte Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. Lil Jack's Moonwalks also gave a well-appreciated repeat performance in offering recreational activities for the attendees at the police facility, free of charge.

National Night Out gives residents an opportunity to intermingle in a setting close to home, and showcases another example of how the La Porte Police Department strives to foster positive relationships and promote safer neighborhoods. For more information on the department's involvement in their community, contact LPPD's Support Services Division at 281-842-3183.