



Texas National Night Out
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Houston TranStar along with the Texas Gulf Coast Crime Prevention Association and the Texas Crime Prevention Association would like to welcome you to the Texas National Night Out Press Conference kicking off National Night Out in Texas.

This is the 38th Annual National Night Out which was created by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) in 1984 to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. The intent is to heightened crime and drug prevention awareness, create police-community partnerships, and send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

This will be the fourteenth year Texas has had the option to hold National Night Out on the first Tuesday in August or October. National Night Out continues to grow in popularity throughout the State of Texas and is one of the most effective tools available to combat crime and drugs in our communities. It creates a powerful network among neighbors and empowers individual households to fight crime and drugs at the grass root level – block by block.

Interest in Neighborhood Watch, Home Security Surveys, the Citizen Law Enforcement Academies and many other Crime Prevention programs continue to increase as a result of the interactions between the officers and the citizens attending National Night Out events.

For National Night Out, some communities have hosted one large community party while other areas usually hold the traditional neighborhood block parties which are visited by their local First Responders and community leaders. These interactions have allowed for the community to visit with their First Responders in a relaxed enjoyable atmosphere. Due to Covid-19, communities may consider going back to the original of turning on their front porch light in order to light up the neighborhoods and have block parties in their individual driveways in order to social distance.

Texas has won 1st place for 24 of the 25 years of award submissions for our National Night Out involvement with events held all across Texas. According to NATW, Texas had over 1500 registered NNO events in 2019. Putting this into perspective, one registrant may be a city with 45 neighborhood block parties. As you can see Texas takes National Night Out very seriously.

On behalf of Houston TranStar and the Texas Crime Prevention Association, thank you for joining us today as we Kick Off Texas National Night Out 2021.

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