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**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2008
AUGUST 5, 2008**

The Redding Police Department, along with representatives of city government and the neighborhoods in Redding, are preparing for this year's National Night Out Celebration. The event will be held on Tuesday, August 5th in numerous neighborhoods around our city and usually lasts from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

This is the 25th anniversary for National Night Out and the 20th year the Redding Police Department has participated. Last year approximately 35.2 million people in 11,125 communities around the world celebrated National Night Out. Here in Redding numerous large block parties were organized. All citizens are encouraged to lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and join their neighbors outdoors.

The evening is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug abuse awareness
- Generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community relations
- Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

City council members, department heads, fire fighters, and police officers will be visiting block parties throughout the evening. There will be barbecues, ice cream socials, and potlucks planned by various block groups.

Redding residents who would like to plan a neighborhood block party and would like law enforcement and city management to attend, should contact the Redding Police Crime Prevention Unit at 225-4209.

More information about National Night Out can be found at: www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/history.html

A list of the block parties will be sent to the media as a press release the morning of National Night Out.