



## Perris Press Release

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### Join Us for National Night Out: Saturday, July 28

"The Police and Public Alliance Against Crime" is the theme of Saturday's annual National Night Out, an event which features skydivers based in Perris, horses from the sheriff's mounted posse, off-road vehicles, canines going through their paces, fire department rescue demonstrations and a free dinner for all.

The Perris Station of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department is once again hosting the 2012 National Night Out, which takes place from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday.

"This is a great opportunity for the public to learn about the latest tools law enforcement and the fire department are using," said Perris City Councilwoman Joanne Evans, a retired firefighter. "It's a great way to meet our public safety officers and learn that they are our friends." Capt. John Hill, commander of the Perris sheriff's station, said National Night out began in 1984. He called Saturday's event "an excellent opportunity for public safety agencies and citizens to stand together against crime and disorder."

"The intent of the event is to strengthen public bonds between law enforcement and the community we serve, in coalition against criminal activity," Hill said.

Deputies from many departments will attend Saturday's event, Hill said. Those include patrol units, special enforcement units, including the SWAT team, the off-road vehicle enforcement team, the dive team and canine officers.

Member of the sheriff's department Explorers also will be on hand. An ambulance from American Medical Response will be on display as will fire equipment from Cal Fire. Firefighters will demonstrate the "cut-and-rescue" techniques used to extract victims trapped inside vehicles.

Perris Mayor Daryl Busch said residents will gain a new appreciation for law enforcement and public safety at National Night Out.

"It is a great, and I want to emphasize great, outreach effort on the part of our public safety folks to show all the varied aspects of their jobs," Busch said. "Most people only see police on motorcycles or in patrol cars, but this event provide the chance to view the full spectrum of services they provide to our community."

Perris City Councilman Mark Yarbrough will donate a couple of cars to be pried open during cut-and-rescue demonstrations.

"It's the best example of your tax dollars at work," he said. "It's important for the police to learn your concerns and to see what you are paying for. It's a great chance to meet the people who are entrusted to protect you."

The 2012 National Night Out takes place at Wheatfield Park, 30627 Menifee Road, in Menifee. The Perris station also provides services to Menifee, Canyon Lake and unincorporated communities surrounding Perris.

In addition to dinner, Kettle Corn, shaved ice and cotton candy will be provided. For the kids, there will be stickers and other goodies as well as an appearance by McGruff the Crime Dog. Skydivers from Perris will land at the park as part of the presentation, said sheriff's deputy Victor Goodson, who is coordinating Saturday's event.

"We want the whole community to come out and join us for a wonderful picnic in the park," Goodson said.



The Perris Mounted Patrol proved popular with the crowd who attended the 2011 National Night Out.



Firefighters demonstrate how to pry open a vehicle to extricate a person trapped inside during the 2011 National Night Out in Perris.



A sheriff's canine officer demonstrates how dogs can quickly subdue suspected criminals during the 2011 National Night Out.