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National Night Out Returns to Perris



PERRIS, Calif. (August 8, 2019) -- The Riverside County Sheriff's Department - Perris Station, the Riverside County Fire Department's Perris Chapter and City of Perris staff and officials partnered together to host the annual National Night Out event on August 6, 2019.

The nation-wide event was localized for Perris residents with the Perris Sheriff's Station visiting three different community locations to discuss neighborhood concerns and trends, talk with residents, show off the departments service equipment and vehicles and ultimately build trust within the community.



The Riverside County Sheriff's Department recognizes police are only as strong and effective as their community partnerships. Their goals this year are to show communities the many resources used in their service, to interact in an environment free of the distractions that characterize many duty related encounters, to teach crime prevention strategies, and to recruit volunteers for their many public service opportunities.

The event began at the Statler Youth Center at the Perris City Hall Campus, then migrated to the Hunt Club Apartments and finally concluded at Avelina Community Park. Perris City Staff provided hot dogs and cold drinks for anyone who braved the days heat. Vendors were also present from the City of Perris Community Services Department, County of Riverside Public Health Department, City of Perris Economic Development Services Department, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, Cal Fire, City of Perris Animal Control and representatives from the United States Military.



Deputy Donnis Crawford of the Riverside County Sheriff's Office, Perris Station talked about how important the event was for residents within the Perris Community.

"National Night Out is a national event that puts the police into the local community," said Crawford. "It's an opportunity for the local community to meet and greet and talk with their local police officers."



National Night Out is an annual crime prevention event and community-building campaign that is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Riverside County Perris Sheriff's Station and City of Perris. More than 38 million people across the country are expected to participate in National Night Out efforts to strengthen partnerships between neighbors and local law enforcement agencies. The event aims to Strengthen neighborhood spirit and foster police and community partnerships, heighten crime prevention awareness, and build support local crime prevention efforts.

Perris Mayor Michael Vargas was especially grateful for those who did, citing the importance of the event for the community to meet the faces of their Public Service Teams. "I applaud our police officers and firemen for being out here in their gear in such heat. This is an excellent opportunity for residents to walk around with their law enforcement officers who are here to protect and serve us," said Vargas. "It's an important event for our community and we are grateful for their service."

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