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National Night Out is Saturday, August 19

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Saturday, August 19, 2017
4:00PM - 8:00PM
Skydive Park, 415 Dale St. Perris (From Hwy 215 exit 4th St, go east)

Sheriff's Displays * CAL-FIRE & K9 Demos * Games * Food * Live Band!

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The City of Perris plays host to "National Night Out" Aug. 19 at Sky Dive Park, an event that allows the public to witness police and firefighting demonstrations, talk to cops, firefighters and paramedics and get an up-close look at the challenges public-safety officers confront each time they hit the streets.

The event takes place from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Skydive Park, 415 Dale Street.

Demonstrations include canine officers working with specially trained police dogs to take down uncooperative suspects, and cut-and-rescue extractions employing "the jaws of life." Games, food and performances by a live band also highlight the event.

Perris Mayor Michael Vargas, a retired police officer, urged City residents to invest some time at National Night Out.

"This is a very important event," Vargas said. "It's the opportunity for the public to meet and greet law enforcement and public safety personnel, talk shop and get a feel for what they do for our community. It's the opportunity to let police, firefighters and other emergency responders explain what they do for a living."

Perris Mayor Pro-Tem David Starr Rabb called National Night Out "a great opportunity to introduce law enforcement to members of our community."

City Councilwoman Tonya Burke said National Night Out presents public safety representatives in less formal, more relaxed setting.

"It allows the public to see not only a uniform, but the person behind the uniform," Burke said. "It helps foster a better relationship between the public and public safety—and that's great for the community."

Burke said National Night Out allows the public to see police work, in particular, involves more than just the cop-on-a-beat. It provides information about careers in forensics, special-enforcement patrols, SWAT, off-road vehicle enforcement and Internet-based crimes.

City Councilman Malcolm Corona said the event can help "bring awareness to safety and how to create a safer community for all residents."

He said residents can pick up information about crime-prevention programs and public safety outreach efforts like Neighborhood Watch.

"It brings our law enforcement and emergency response members together with the community and is a great event," Corona said.

City Councilwoman Rita Rogers said hosting National Night Out is prestigious for Perris and for City residents, it provides the chance to talk one-on-one with public-safety professionals and witness first-hand the equipment used to get their jobs done. That equipment includes horses used by the Mounted Posse which are a staple at the event.

"It's a great time for the public to meet public safety officers one-on-one and get a bird's eye view of the equipment they use on a daily basis," Rogers said.



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