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**National Night Out Public Safety Expo set for Saturday, September 21, 2013**

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (September 12, 2013) – Local, state and federal law enforcement and safety agencies will join residents of The Woodlands to celebrate the National Night Out community-wide kickoff celebration at Northshore Park, 2505 Lake Woodlands Drive, on Saturday, September 21, 2013, from noon to 3 p.m. This free event is coordinated by The Woodlands Township and will include public safety and crime-fighting demonstrations.

Climb inside an ambulance or FBI tank, explore the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office or ICE Mobile command units, try on SWAT or FBI gear, watch live demonstrations from Narcotic, Explosive Detection and Apprehension dogs and meet real crime scene investigators and Texas Rangers. Additional activities include music, food, and a kid zone complete with a bounce house, face painter, balloonist, crafts and games. New this year: a texting while driving simulator and seatbelt rollover simulator. *K-9 demonstrations begin at 1 p.m.*

Public safety agencies attending the National Night Out Public Safety Expo include:

- Montgomery County Sheriff's Office
- Harris County Sheriff's Office
- Montgomery County Constable Precinct 3
- Harris County Constable Precinct 4
- Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- The Woodlands Fire Department
- The Fire Marshal
- FBI
- DEA
- Texas Rangers
- Department of Homeland Security/Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- Security Alpha & Omega Mounted Security Patrol
- US Coast Guard Auxiliary
- Montgomery County Juvenile Probation
- Montgomery County Search & Rescue
- Montgomery County Hospital District
- Montgomery County Emergency Communications District 9-1-1



- Texas Equusearch
- DWI Tracker
- Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission
- Crime Stoppers
- The Woodlands Community Emergency Response Team

Other community organizations attending include:

- American Red Cross
- Union Pacific Operation Lifesaver
- Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Citizen's Academy Alumni
- Interfaith of The Woodlands
- Montgomery County Women's Center
- VFW
- American Legion Post 305
- YMCA
- Southeast Texas Poison Control
- Friends of Texas Wildlife
- Entergy & CenterPoint Energy
- Texas Gulf Coast Crime Prevention Association
- Distracted driving and rollover simulators
- United Way

The official date of National Night Out in Texas is Tuesday, October 1, 2013. This is when residents are encouraged to gather between 5:30 and 8 p.m. on their street or in a nearby park. The purpose of National Night Out is to fight crime by bringing neighbors together, because neighbor knowing neighbor is one of the most effective ways to prevent crime.

Visit the Township Web site at [www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/nationalnightout](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/nationalnightout) for details about other National Night Out events and activities including making a public safety thank you poster and collecting food and clothing to benefit Interfaith of The Woodlands. Contact your village liaison at 281-210-3800 for more information.

To view the complete media kit, please [click this link](#). For high-resolution photos, please contact Marian Leck at [mleck@thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov](mailto:mleck@thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov).

**PHOTO:** Deputy Brad Curtis with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office - District 6 Crime Prevention Unit hands out Sheriff's badges at last year's National Night Out Public Safety Expo at Northshore Park. Don't miss the lights and sirens of this year's event on Saturday, September 21, 2013, from noon to 3 p.m. at Northshore Park, 2505 Lake Woodlands Drive.

