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**The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Watch Wins National Award**

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (December 12, 2019) – The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Watch earned First Place in Category #2 for Populations 100,000 to 300,000, from The National Association of Town Watch, for their 2019 National Night Out Campaign.

“Neighborhood Watch is very proud to be first in the nation,” said Marian Leck, director of Township Law Enforcement Services. “This award is the result of hard work by the entire department, along with our resident volunteers who host National Night Out parties and our law enforcement partners. We are also very grateful to The Woodlands Township Board of Directors for their continued support of National Night Out.”

The Township thanks the many team members of Neighborhood Watch who contributed to this honor. The Township also thanks its public safety partners: the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office, Harris County Constable’s Office - Precinct 4, Montgomery County Constable’s Office, Precinct 3, Texas Department of Public Safety-Highway Patrol, Montgomery County Hospital District-EMS, Alpha & Omega Mounted Patrol and The Woodlands Fire Department.

“These public safety partnerships play a critical role in Township crime and fire prevention efforts,” said Chairman of the Board Gordy Bunch. “We are grateful for our many public safety agencies and first responders who help to keep The Woodlands a safe and vibrant community.”

The Township also collaborated on the State of Texas entry, which garnered first place in its category.

National Night Out is a community-building campaign designed to raise awareness of crime and drug prevention, generate support for local anti-crime efforts and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Watch supports National Night Out by helping residents to host National Night Out parties, hosting the Community Safety Expo and a variety of public safety open houses, along with providing ongoing resources about safety for the community.

For more information about The Woodlands Township, please visit [www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov](http://www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov) or call 281-210-3800.



*The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Watch has been recognized by The National Association of Town Watch for their efforts during the 2019 National Night Out Campaign, with First Place in Category #2 for Populations 100,000 to 300,000.*

*Pictured from left, back row: Harris County Constable's Office, Precinct 4 Sergeant Mike Ruby, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Specialists Eric Medina and Carlos Tavarez, Neighborhood Watch staff members Kristin Pternitis, Holly Steinke and Sue Martin, Director of Law Enforcement Services Marian Leck, The Woodlands Fire Chief Palmer Buck, The Woodlands Fire Department Lieutenant Baron Edmiston and firefighters Chris Stoffer, Anabal Torres, Jared Kriese and Brian Holaseck.*

*Pictured from left, front row: Neighborhood Watch staff members MJ Currey, Cindy Strawn, Rena Dodd, Julie Quinn and John Osborne.*