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Registration open for National Night Out block parties *Annual police and fire personnel visits set for Oct. 4*

LITTLE ELM (August 23, 2016) Registration is now open for Little Elm neighborhoods to add their block parties to the annual National Night Out schedule, set for Tuesday, Oct. 4.

“National Night Out is one of our most important community events,” says Little Elm Police Officer Nicole Shaw the department’s Training Coordinator and Crime Prevention Specialist. “The evening provides opportunities for neighbors to get out, meet and greet each other, exchange contact information and pledge to fight crime. It’s also a night when police and fire personnel get a chance to visit these neighborhoods under very positive conditions.”

Casual conversations between residents and first responders during National Night Out often lead to greater understanding on both ends. Police and fire personnel learn about any unique conditions in neighborhoods, and residents develop deeper relationships with emergency personnel in a relaxed setting.

First responders will be out between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. that evening.

“Neighborhoods planning a block party or gathering should alert us by registering the event,” said Shaw. “That way, we can be sure to make an appearance. It also gives us the name of a contact person in the event that we need to communicate with the residents in the future.”

Registration can be accomplished by visiting www.littleelm.org and clicking on “Police” under “Departments.” From there, to “Reports and Forms” and “Printable Forms.” Planners can download or print the Neighborhood Block Party Application Form. Completed forms can be returned in person at the front desk of the Police Department, 88 West Eldorado Parkway, or via e-mail to Cynthia Medrano at cmedrano@littleelm.org.

Deadline to register block parties is Friday, Sept. 23 at 5 p.m. The deadline allows public safety personnel to ensure there are enough barricades for the neighborhood events as well as goodie bag giveaways. As usual, the deposit for barricades, if any are needed, is waived, and while the requirement for 60 percent of resident signatures is also waived, a note or call to affected residents is strongly encouraged.

“Registering the parties also lets us schedule enough personnel to visit each party as best we can,” she said. Questions regarding National Night Out can be directed to Officer Shaw at nshaw@littleelm.org or by calling 972-377-1885.

More information on National Night Out, and its origin, can be obtained by visiting <http://natw.org/about/>.

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ABOUT LITTLE ELM – Little Elm is one of the state’s fastest growing communities. Nestled on the shores of Lake Lewisville, the Town was incorporated in 1966, adopting the Council/Manager form of government. The population increased dramatically over the last several years, growing from under 4,000 in 2000 to over 30,000 today. Little Elm’s population exceeds the state average in education and income, and is increasingly trending younger and technologically proficient. The Town’s footprint is just over 21 square miles and boasts some 66 linear miles of shoreline within its boundaries.