



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Presentation of Proclamation Proclaiming Tuesday, August 6, 2013, as "National Night Out"
MEETING DATE: July 17, 2013
PREPARED BY: Chief of Police

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Presentation of proclamation proclaiming Tuesday, August 6, 2013, as "National Night Out."

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The City of Lodi Police Department established the Neighborhood Watch Program in 1985. Police officers were specially trained to conduct Neighborhood Watch Meetings to provide crime prevention information and develop partnerships with the community. This year we celebrate 27 years of Lodi Neighborhood Watch with over 250 active and organized neighborhoods.

In 1988, Lodi joined the National Association of Town Watch and began taking part in National Night Out. Thousands of communities and hundreds of thousands of citizens participate in National Night Out each year. Neighborhood Watch is a critical component in our ability to succeed in addressing crime issues. It is important that the citizens of Lodi be aware of the impact their individual and group participation can have on reducing crime in Lodi.

Funds for handouts, sticker badges and giveaways for each group are made possible through the support of our Lodi Area Crime Stoppers and our National Night Out corporate sponsor, Target. Staff members will be visiting Neighborhood Watch groups to reinforce the importance of Neighborhood Watch and demonstrate our commitment to the partnerships in our community. In 2012 there were 70 groups that participated in National Night Out. We anticipate close to 100 Neighborhood Watch groups will take part in the 2013 National Night Out against crime.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Not applicable.

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APPROVED:

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Konradt Bartlam, City Manager