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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

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Summary:

National Night Out (NNO) is the brainchild of National Association of Town Watch Executive Director Matt A. Peskin. He said, "It's a wonderful opportunity for communities nationwide to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie. While the one night is certainly not an answer to crime, drugs and violence, National Night Out does represent the kind of spirit, energy and determination that is helping to make many neighborhoods safer places throughout the year. It [NNO] is a night to celebrate safety and crime prevention successes - and to expand and strengthen programs for the next 364 days."

NNO 2007 involved 35.4 million people in 11,310 communities from all 50 states, US territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide. NNO 2008, the 25th Anniversary, is expected to be the largest ever and Juneau will be participating for the very first time. While the traditional 'lights on' and front porch vigils remain a part of NNO, activities have expanded considerably over the years. It is hoped that the citizens of our community will coordinate block parties, cookouts, visits from police/firefighters, and neighborhood walks.

"America's Night Out Against Crime" is Tuesday, **August 5th**, from 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM.

JPD is coordinating police/fire personnel visits to various block parties/cookouts throughout the community. Anyone interested in hosting such an event in their neighborhood is encouraged to register as a **Block Captain**. You can fill out a form at the station (6255 Alaway Avenue in Lemon Creek) or go to the JPD website (www.juneaupolice.com) and register online (just follow the NNO link).

Our officers and firefighters are looking forward to visiting with you at your event!

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