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## INFORMATION RELEASE

**Subject:** National Night Out      **Date:** Wednesday, August 6, 2008

**From:** Sgt. David Campbell      **Case or Incident:** N/A

Tuesday, 08/05/2008, marked the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of National Night Out. It was also the first time that neighborhoods in Juneau participated in the event. Seven Juneau neighborhoods held block parties throughout the CBJ. Of the seven parties, four were held in the Mendenhall Valley, one was held on Sunny Point, and two were held in the downtown area. The parties were held from 7 pm to 10 pm.

The purpose of the event was to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie. Officers from the Juneau Police Department and firefighters from both the Douglas and Auke Bay stations met with residents to talk about safety issues in their homes and neighborhoods. “We discussed issues including smoke alarms, traffic, graffiti, car rifling, burglary and even bears. Next year we expect to have at least twice the number of neighborhoods participating.”

National Night out is part of the National Town Watch Program and includes Blockwatch. Citizens who are interested in becoming block captains for their neighborhood watch programs are encouraged to contact JPD at 586-0600 or by following the links on our website.

Any charges reported in this press release are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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