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## Media Notice

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### Joplin to join cities nationwide for “America’s Night Out Against Crime”

On Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, neighborhoods throughout Joplin are invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual National Night Out (NNO) crime prevention event. National Night Out, sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by the Joplin Police Department, and will involve over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all, over 37.8 million people are expected to participate in America’s Night Out Against Crime.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) heighten crime prevention awareness; (2) generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) strengthen community spirit and police-community partnerships. More details can be found at [www.nationalnightout.org](http://www.nationalnightout.org).

Joplin’s National Night Out 2014 event will be held at Cunningham Park starting at 5:30 pm. This will be the sixth year that the Joplin Police Department has participated in the National Night Out. Free food and drinks will be served during the event. This will be a fun-filled family friendly night with several events for children of all ages. One of the main attractions will be a free swim at the Cunningham Aquatic Center starting at 6:30 pm. Last year more than 300 Joplin area residents came out and enjoyed the National Night Out and another large turnout is expected this year.