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## MEDIA RELEASE

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On Tuesday, August 4, 2009 neighborhoods throughout Garden City are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the *26th Annual National Night Out*—a crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by the Garden City Police Department, Target, and Black Hills Energy, will involve over 10,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities military bases around the world. In all, over 34 million people are expected to participate in *America's Night Out Against Crime*.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness and to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. On August 4th, residents in neighborhoods throughout Garden City and across the nation are asked to turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods throughout Garden City will be hosting a variety of special events in their own neighborhood such as block parties, cookouts, visits from police; flashlight walks, drawing contests, and youth activities.

Residents are invited to Stevens Park in Downtown Garden City from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on August 4, 2009 for free food and drinks, fun children's games and activities, prizes, and McGruff The Crime Prevention Dog.

Residents planning block parties and activities in their own neighborhood on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, should contact Master Patrol Officers Troy Davis or Robert Scrivner (276-1300) to register and schedule a visit from local law enforcement and other emergency response departments.

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