



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Award Winning National Night Out Returns to Auburn Hills on August 5, 2014**

*Free “CrimeOutAPalooza” event includes fun, entertainment and education in support of crime prevention & anti-bullying.*

The City of Auburn Hills will participate in its 15<sup>th</sup> annual National Night Out, a crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), on **Tuesday, August 5, 2014**. The free event, dubbed “CrimeOutAPalooza” gives neighborhood crime and drugs a going away party. The event runs from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the Auburn Hills Community Center, 1827 N. Squirrel Road (southwest corner of N. Squirrel Rd. and University Drive).

The Auburn Hills Police Department National Night Out event has earned NATW small city award for the past 8 years. Our National Night Out campaign centers on partnerships between citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials. National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

This year we are returning to a traditional National Night Out bringing the focus back to Crime Prevention activities. The night’s events will include police demonstrations, fire safety, automotive safety, games, prescription drug take-back program and “Dan Dan the Choo Choo Man”. Hot dogs, chips and beverages will be served until supplies last. Officer Metter Rice is organizing the event for Auburn Hills and estimates that more than 2,000 people attended in 2013.

*“This event is so much fun that families return year after year. Our goal is to create an upbeat atmosphere to share the message that crime prevention is everyone’s responsibility: our residents, business owners and community organizations, as well as our police and fire,” explains Chief Doreen Olko, “We want to provide helpful information on how to create a safe community to live, learn, work and play.”*

**Details for Auburn Hills National Night Out:**

**What:** A free evening of music, entertainment, fun and public safety demonstrations to raise awareness of crime prevention and community involvement.

**When:** Tuesday, August 5, 2014

**Time:** 6:00pm to 8:30pm

**Where:** Auburn Hills Community Center, on the Auburn Hills Municipal Campus, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, 48326

**For more information:** Please visit [www.nationalnightout.org](http://www.nationalnightout.org).

Additional details about the event will also be available on

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