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## Senator Smith Encourages Participation in ‘National Night Out’

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*Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> is America’s Night Out Against Crime*

**(St. Albans, NY)**- In an effort to encourage participation in local anti-crime efforts and increase public awareness, Senate President Malcolm A. Smith notes that Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> (between 7 and 10 PM) is National Night Out — “America’s Night Out Against Crime.”

Last year, according to the organization's website, involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide held events.

National Night Out (NNO), a year-long community building campaign, 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.

“While this is a national night of recognition, it is important to remember that every night should be a night dedicated to the safety of our neighborhoods and communities,” Senator Smith said. “National Night Out is a necessary reminder that we all play a role in keeping the community safe.”

Ways of showing support for NNO include displaying outdoor lights or holding a small front porch vigil; large scale events may include block parties, parades, cook outs, organized flashlight walks and programs in which youth design shirts speaking out against crime.

The senator noted that NNO has proven to be an effective way of raising awareness about local issues and promoting safety, neighborhood spirit and community cooperation with local law enforcement.

To get involved visit [www.nationaltownwatch.org](http://www.nationaltownwatch.org) to register for this year's night out against crime and find more ideas of how to participate.

Senator Smith will be attending NNO events throughout his district.

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