

INFORMATIONAL ITEM
City of Lancaster, California

Date: July 24, 2007

To: Mayor Hearn and City Council Members

From: Mark V. Bozigian, Assistant City Manager

Subject: **City of Lancaster National Night Out Event**

Recommendation:

Information only

Background:

National Night Out (NNO) is billed as *America's Night Out Against Crime*. The 24th annual National Night Out is a crime prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, 2007. The City is planning to hold its NNO event at Clear Channel Stadium in partnership with the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department and the Lancaster JetHawks. The event will include a JetHawks baseball game against the Modesto Nuts, a hosted BBQ for Neighborhood Watch Block Captains before the game, displays by both the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department and Los Angeles County Fire Department throughout the stadium, crime prevention and Neighborhood Watch information, and the presentation of a City Proclamation in recognition of NNO. Additionally, the JetHawks will offer discounted tickets to the game for all Lancaster Neighborhood Watch participants.

The BBQ for the Block Captains will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the baseball game will begin at 7:00 p.m. Ticket sales and the event will be promoted to the public throughout the month of July. Each of the City's active Neighborhood Watch groups has received invitations to the event through the City's Public Safety Office.

Our National Night Out event is a great opportunity for the community to celebrate its support for public safety in general and for the City's re-energized Neighborhood Watch Program in particular. Over the last year, Lancaster citizens have responded to these efforts by increasing the number of active Neighborhood Watch groups from 10 to 81, helping to prevent crimes and make our neighborhoods safer.