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THE TOWN OF OCEAN CITY CELEBRATES NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The 25th Annual National Night Out was recently celebrated in two Ocean City communities. Ocean City residents, as well as members of the Ocean City Police officers, gathered on Tuesday, August 5, 2008, at Fiesta Park and Lark Lane for the festivities. The celebrations were sponsored by residents from Caine Woods and Bayshore Drive Neighborhood Watch Associations. Residents from all over Ocean City also attended.

National Night Out is a unique crime and drug prevention event sponsored by the "National Association of Town Watch" (www.nationalnightout.org). The program is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support and participation in local anticrime programs and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

"National Night Out is a great way to send a message that Ocean City neighborhoods are standing together to promote awareness, safety and unity throughout our town," commented Chief Bernadette DiPino. "In addition, National Night Out showcases the importance of police and community partnerships, as well as citizen involvement in the fight for a safer community."

Ocean City was one of the approximately 11,000 communities across the United States that participated in National Night Out. According to the National Association of Town Watch, over 35 million people participated from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and U.S. military bases around the world.

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