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“National Night Out”

There are many ways to deter your home or business from being vulnerable to a burglary. Installing the proper locks on doors and windows, and most importantly using them, planting low profile security landscaping and increasing the lighting around your property are just a few solutions.

Join Americans from all 50 states on Tuesday, August 2, 2011, in “National Night Out,” an after-dark crime prevention event which urges homeowners, businesses and communities to turn on their lights between the hours of 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. for security, as well as spending these two hours outdoors demonstrating solidarity against crime. Take a flashlight and enjoy a walk through your neighborhood!

The first “National Night Out” was held in 1984 and since then, the event has grown to 37 million citizens in 15,000 communities in all 50 states participating in 2010. Sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, National Night Out is supported by the El Segundo Police Department, so join us on Tuesday, August 2, 2011, by turning on your lights, getting out and walking with your neighbors and turning the lights out on crime.

Lighting Tips:

By keeping your home or business properly lighted while present or away, you can guard against criminal activity.

- Residences should have 40 watts burning in the front and 60 watts in the rear of their homes.
- Place one or two lights on timers and frequently alternate the hours of usage to avoid a routine pattern to anyone who may be watching.

- Businesses should have bright lighting over *all* entrances to protect against burglary or vandalism. In addition, the building should be well-lighted on all sides, taking care not to create a glare by direct lighting. Leave some interiors lights on so passersby or patrol officers will notice if someone is in your business after hours.

For more crime prevention tips or a free security survey, contact Crime Prevention Analyst Laurie Risk at (310) 524-2274.

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