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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2019 – Walworth County Fairgrounds

Neighborhoods throughout Walworth County are invited to join over 38 million neighbors across 16 thousand communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide. National Night Out is nationally sponsored by NATW, Ring, Dietz & Watson, Associa, AT&T, A&W Root Beer, Renewal By Andersen, Academy Sports & Outdoors, and co-sponsored locally by Thrivent Financial, Aurora Health Center, and Advia Credit Union.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes strong police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live and work. Together, we are making that happen.

From 4:30pm till 8:30pm, neighbors throughout Walworth County and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on their front porch lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and law enforcement. National Project Coordinator, Matt Peskin said, "This is a night for our nation to stand together and promote awareness, safety, and neighborhood unity. National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and Citizen Involvement. When law enforcement and the community work closely together, some amazing things can happen."

This is the fourth year that Walworth County will hold a county wide National Night Out. The event will be held at the Walworth County Fairgrounds in Elkhorn from 4:30pm till 8:30pm. The event is organized and hosted by Local Law Enforcement Officers, Walworth County Crime Stoppers and The Tree House Child and Family Center. There will be over 40 exhibitors at the event including representatives from Walworth County Department Health & Human Services including, Public Health, Mental Health, Walworth County Antihuman Trafficking Taskforce, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Sex Offender Registry Program, Geneva Lakes YMCA, Lakeland Animal Shelter, Head Start & Early Head Start, New Beginnings (APFV), Walworth County Drug and Alcohol Co., Breastfeeding Coalition, Join the Movement, Out of the

Darkness, Aurora, Aram Public Library, Walworth County Sherriff's Office Fraud Division, Triad program, Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA) and Toe to Toe.

Some of the planned activities include, K9 demonstration, Smoke House demos, Linn Township Police Department Drone demo, a Fire Department demonstration, face painting and free haircuts. This is an entirely free event with generous donations of food and beverages being provided by Richter's Food Market, Sorg's Meats, McDonald's, Lake Geneva Meats, Frito Lay, Wilson Meats and Kwik Trip. Besides Thrivent Financial, Aurora Health Center and Advia, other sponsor include Lamar Signs, Deb and Jeff Scherer, Dawley Aviation and Walmart who donated bikes that will be given away the day of the event.

Law Enforcement and Fire/EMS vehicles and representatives will be on hand from departments throughout Walworth County. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Wisconsin State Patrol will also be on site. This year, attendees will be able vote for the best looking police vehicle and best looking fire/ems vehicle.

For more information and updates leading up to the event, visit Walworth County National Night Out's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/WalworthCountyNationalNightOut or contact Deputy Dan Nelson at dnelson@co.walworth.wi.us or Jean Jacobs at jjacobs@chw.org