



Forest Hill "Takes a Bite Out of Crime" and Wins National Award

[Forest Hill-January 4, 2007] The City of Forest Hill is proud to announce that it has received the "2006 Outstanding Participation in America's Night Out Against Crime" award. The annual crime/drug prevention campaign is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. More than 11,000 cities across the US and Canada participated last year.

A formal award presentation will be made at next week's Forest Hill City Council meeting on Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00 pm. "We are extremely proud of the Forest Hill Police Department and its efforts to heighten drug and crime prevention awareness in our community. This award is testament to the work of many, many people," said David Miller, City Manager. On August 1, 2006, "National Night Out," the evening's events were held at the Mahaney Community Center. More than 300 citizens and city officials participated in the activities that included the distribution of public safety information by the Forest Hill Police and Fire Departments, a special appearance by McGruff (the national mascot for National Crime Prevention Council) and a chance for neighbors to meet neighbors.

Forest Hill was awarded in the "National Night Out" category for cities with a population under 15,000. This campaign helps communities generate support for and participation in anti-crime programs, strengthens neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. Citizens, civic groups, neighborhood organizations and city officials are involved in the effort. "Our participation in 'National Night Out' sends a message, loud and clear, to criminals that residents and businesses in Forest Hill will fight back against crime each and every day," said Miller. Forest Hill was awarded this honor in 1990, 1991 and 1997 also.

A video documentary, pictures of the August 1st event and a post report detailing Forest Hill's contribution to the campaign was sent to the National Association of Town Watch. Information about NATW and the "National Night Out" program can be obtained by logging on to www.natw.org.

Planning is underway now for the 2007 event to be held August 7th. For information, contact the Forest Hill "National Night Out" coordinator at 817-531-5264.

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