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[Forest Hill, TX-July 24, 2007] When it comes to heightening awareness of crime and drug prevention, the City of Forest Hill and the City of Everman aren't tackling the problem sitting down.

The two south Tarrant County cities will host a night of activities, festivities and education for their residents on Tuesday night August 7th at the annual **National Night Out** event starting at 7:00PM. Sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, this nation-wide campaign is in its 24th year.

The National Night Out program is designed to heighten awareness of crime and drug prevention as well as generate support for anticrime initiatives. It also works to strengthen neighborhood spirit and build on police-community relationships. Participating organizations at the August 7th event will work to educate those who attend about organizing their neighborhoods and teach them the techniques to fight back against crime. It will be one of the largest in Tarrant County.

The three hour event will be held at the Forest Hill City Hall complex, 6800 Forest Hill Drive. A live band, vendor booths, free food, popcorn and giveaways will be part of the evening's festivities. Scheduled participants include "McGruff" the Crime Dog, the Forest Hill and Everman Police Departments, Care Flight, the Forest Hill and Everman Fire Departments as well as "Teddy Bear the Clown." Police Officers will "work" a mock crime scene showing children how they investigate a crime including performing quick demonstrations. Forest Hill Explorers Post #175 will display their roles in crime prevention as well as encourage young adults to participate in their program. The Circle 5 and Forest Hill Riding Club will open the evening with a "ride-in" followed by the African Queen Motorcycle Club. Just added...a "Bounce House," "Dunk Tank" and face painting for the kids!

"This event will show our citizens that together, with our Police Department personnel, we intend to build on and enhance a positive partnership with our community that will make our city the best place to live, visit and conduct business," said Forest Hill Police Chief Rex Phelps.

For details about the August 7th **National Night Out** event, call (817) 994-5373.

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