



# KENSINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS RELEASE

Chief of Police Kevin Hart would like to cordially invite you to join the Kensington Police Department in celebrating National Night Out on August 4th, 2015.

Kensington residents are invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 32nd Annual National Night Out (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Kensington Police Department, will involve over 16,540 communities from all 50 states, US territories, Canadian cities, and military bases around the world. In all, over 38.1 million people are expected to participate in "America's Night Out Against Crime."

National Night Out is designed to: (1) heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 7 to 10pm on August 4th, Chief Hart is asking you to lock your doors, turn on outside lights, and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods in Kensington are hosting NNO parties.

In 1829, Sir Robert Peel, who is often referred to as the founder of modern policing, declared that, "The police are the public and the public are the police." We encourage you to join us on National Night Out to take a stand against crime and work with the Kensington Police Department to keep Kensington a wonderful community. Your local NNO party will provide a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of your neighbors and police officers, learn about the latest news and crime prevention strategies, and learn about the many programs that are offered by the Kensington Police Department.

If you are interested in hosting a National Night Out party in your neighborhood, or if you are interested in attending a party near you, please contact Officer Wilkens.

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