



## **City of McKinney Press Release**

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### **McKinney neighbors celebrate National Night Out on Aug. 3 *Public safety officers spread crime awareness***

McKINNEY, Texas (July 29, 2010) – For the fourteenth year, the McKinney Fire and Police Departments join forces with communities across the city to celebrate the National Association of Town Watch's well-known and celebrated program called National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 3.

After an experimental move to October for the last two years, McKinney leaders made the decision to move back to August to better accommodate school schedules.

"National Night Out is an important outreach event that allows our officers and fire fighters to personally interact with our community. Together, we can celebrate our safe city and also extend our relationships to continue to make McKinney one of the safest cities in the country," said National Night Out coordinator and McKinney Police Officer Randy Haak.

The annual event serves to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community relations and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Neighborhoods interested in participating should contact the McKinney Police Department at 972-547-2700.

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#### **About McKinney**

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest-growing cities in the U.S., McKinney has a current population of more than 127,500. Incorporated in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers rolling hills, lush trees, a historic downtown square and unique neighborhoods and developments, and it was recently ranked as the #5 Best Places to Live by Money Magazine. Visit the city's Web site at [www.mckinneytexas.org](http://www.mckinneytexas.org).

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