

August 7, 2008 - NATIONAL NIGHT OUT WAS HELD ON AUGUST 5, 2008



Deputy J. Kevin France, Certified Crime Prevention Specialist with the Bristol Virginia Sheriff's Office, said; "In the three years that I have been associated with the Crime Prevention Unit, this was one of the best! We had excellent participation from our neighborhoods that celebrated last night. On behalf of the Crime Prevention Units of the Bristol Virginia Sheriff's Office and the Bristol Virginia Police Department, I want to thank everyone for a successful National Night Out."

Nicole Slagle, Crime Prevention Specialist with the Bristol Virginia Police Department, said; "Kevin and I are so proud of the community and everyone involved. The participation speaks volumes!"

Sheriff Weisenburger, added; "All the hard work really sends a message of cooperation, which is the single most important ingredient in preventing and fighting crime!"

The Sheriff's Office wants to extend gratitude to the neighborhoods that participated; Leisure Park Towers, Solar Hill, Monarch Place, Ridgecrest Townhouses, Stant Hall, Jones Manor, Rice Terrace, and Mosby Apartments.

Thanks goes to Wendy at Ridgecrest; Marcella, Andrea and Susan at Leisure Park; Susan Long and Bernard Via at Solar Hill; Linda Mullen and Geri Tallman at Monarch Place; and Diana Carter and Diana Farris from the Housing Authority for getting things organized.

Thank you Mayor Rector for providing the grill and cooking at Solar Hill. Thank you members of City Council for attending the various events and supporting Crime Prevention.

A HUGE Thank You to Sheriff Weisenburger and Chief Price for attending the various neighborhood events and your support of our Crime Prevention programs. The support of Lt. Jordan's shift last night was greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the Bristol Virginia Fire Department for putting Solar Hill's banner up, providing orange cones for Solar Street and the trailer for Monarch Place.

A BIG thanks to:

David Boyd and WCYB-TV for doing live coverage at 5, 5:30, and 6:00.

Amy Hunter and Earl Neikirk with the Bristol Herald Courier for their coverage, photographs and reporting.

Thanks to Trip McMillan, the manager at the Highlands Center Target Store for providing assistance with Solar Hill, Rice Terrace, and Ridgecrest block parties and for providing the flashing reflectors for the participants. Trip also visited all of the block parties and that was greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Pepsi Cola, Food City, Sams Club, Wal-Mart at Exit 7, Food Lion, Blackbird Bakery, and many other businesses who donated items and door prizes for the block parties last night. I am sure that individual neighborhoods will follow up with those who provided donations.

Crime prevention requires teamwork and this was evident last night. Nicole and Kevin were very proud of those that participated and we are proud of all of our watch programs.

You all help make Bristol Virginia a good place to live.