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Mayor Fulop & Public Safety Officials to Celebrate National Night Out: America's Night out against Crime

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Steven M. Fulop, in partnership with the Jersey City Police Department, the Police Officers' Benevolent Association (P.O.B.A.), the Jersey City Police Superior Officers' Association (P.S.O.A.), the Jersey City Police Foundation and Target, are proud to host the **2014 Jersey City National Night Out: America's Night Out Against Crime** from **6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** on **Tuesday, August 5, 2014** at **Audubon Park, Pershing Field, Arlington Park and Hamilton Park.**

"We know how important it is to have a strong relationship between law enforcement and the community," said **Mayor Fulop**. "National Night Out is a great opportunity to both promote crime prevention and enhance those vital relationships between residents and the police, as the public gets the chance to talk and meet with officers who work their district in a fun and positive environment."

National Night Out encourages residents to join together with their neighbors for a fun-filled safe night that fosters a sense of strength in community and police-community partnerships. During the event there will be refreshments, entertainment and activities, games, and giveaways in each park. Various community and service organizations will be on hand to provide information to the public.

Now in its 31st year, National Night Out, "America's Night Out Against Crime", began in 1984 as an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. National Night Out is held annually on the first Tuesday of August, and now involves more than 37.8 million people and 16,124 communities from all fifty states, U.S. Territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide.

At **9 p.m.**, Jersey City residents are encouraged to participate in **National Night Out** by **turning on their home or porch lights**. Churches are asked to **ring their bells** as a gesture of unity to support and promote safety in their neighborhoods.

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The Police Department's Community Relations officers are assigned to improving the effectiveness of the Jersey City Police Department by facilitating a cooperative effort between the police and the community through various citywide programs and services. **National Night Out** is one of the Department's most notable events as it heightens crime-prevention awareness and generates support for anti-crime programs.

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