

# Grafton Police Department

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## NEWS RELEASE

### **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2010 GRAFTON TO JOIN CITIES AND TOWNS NATIONWIDE FOR “AMERICA’S NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME”**

On Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, residents throughout Grafton are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 27<sup>th</sup> annual National Night Out crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Grafton Police Department, will involve over 15,000 communities from all 50 states and U.S. territories. In all, over 34 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.

On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Grafton Police Department will be hosting its sixth annual “National Night Out Block Party.” The event will be held on the grounds adjacent to the Grafton Police Station from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

There will be free amusements, games and prizes for children and adults as well as literature on crime prevention, drug awareness, fraud, personal safety, health and fire prevention. Citizens will also have the opportunity to speak with police and other Town officials about problems or concerns in their neighborhood. **FREE** child identification kits, gun locks and children’s bicycle helmets, while they last, will be distributed.

There will be a display of police cruisers, motorcycles, seized drug paraphernalia and fire department vehicles. A Police K-9 and a police tactical motorcycle operations demonstration will also be provided. State and federal law enforcement agencies will also be participating. **FREE** pizza, hot dogs, pies and other refreshments will also be available.

The Grafton Police Department invites all residents of Grafton to join forces with them at the “National Night Out Block Party” to give crime and drugs a going away party. If you would like more information on National Night Out or the National Association of Town Watch, please go to [www.nationalnightout.org](http://www.nationalnightout.org).