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NNO a big success for LPPD



Many neighbors gathered on Oct. 2 for National Night Out in La Porte.

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On Oct. 2, the citizens of La Porte joined members of the police, fire, and EMS Department in celebrating National Night Out. The occasion was highlighted by the police department's annual open house. As in previous years, many neighborhood gatherings were also held throughout the community and were attended by personnel from the police, fire and EMS as well as members of city council.

This year's residential National Night Out events in La Porte varied depending on the neighborhood. Some neighborhoods hosted block parties, complete with barbecue, ice cream, and refreshments, while other community members planned their events in nearby parks, advertising it within HOA newsletters weeks before the event. Other residents gathered among centrally-located neighborhood homes and socialized as children played.

In addition to such neighborhood-centered outreach efforts, nearly 700 citizens visited the La Porte Police Department's open house at the Herbert Freeman Police facility.

Open house attractions included guided tours of the police department, courtesy of the police department's dedicated Citizen Police Academy volunteer staff and Youth Explorer Post. Other displays and demonstrations were provided by emergency services personnel from throughout Harris County, and also included members from LPPD's Communications Division, Crime Victim's Services, Bomb Squad, SWAT, Animal Control, Office of Emergency Management, Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services, local PHI Life Flight, and the La Porte Municipal Court.

Furthermore, staff representatives from both Beacon and JSC Federal Credit Union, as well as Air Products, represented local business involvement. Food and refreshments were provided by the La Porte Police Officer's Association and Lil Jack's Moonwalks offered recreational activities for the attendees at the police facility without charge.

National Night Out gives residents an opportunity to intermingle in a setting close to home, and showcases another example of how the La Porte Police Department strives to foster positive relationships and promote safer neighborhoods. For more information on the department's involvement in their community, contact LPPD's Support Services Division at 281-842-3171.