

LPPD to Host Open House Oct. 7 To Celebrate 25th National Night Out



TEAM EFFORT - Shell FCU employees donated their time at the Deer Park High School Stadium POD site the week following Hurricane Ike's devastation to the Gulf Coast region. Since its inception, Shell's FCU (Furthering Community Unity) Team has been donating their time and encouraging community involvement at several events. These dedicated employees have donated over 126 hours recently at sponsored events such as Blood Drives, Habitat for Humanity and several walks. Events are scheduled several months in advance and Credit Union members, students and the general community are urged to get involved. For more information, go to www.sfcuilife.org and click on Upcoming Events.

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Neighborhoods throughout La Porte are invited to join with thousands of communities statewide on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2008, to participate in the 25th annual National Night Out.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support and participate in crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations and send the message that your neighborhood is a safe place to live.

While the police department encourages neighborhoods to plan their own National Night Out block parties, due to the aftermath of Hurricane Ike, this year the La Porte Police Department will also be hosting an Open House at our new La Porte Police Station, located at 3001 N. 23rd Street.

The event is open to the public and will take place from 6 to 8 p.m.

Tours will be provided of our new police facility.

There will also be many other interesting police displays, demonstrations, refreshments, a moonwalk for children set up in front of the police station, and information provided on community outreach programs the department plans on reinstituting in the near future.

Some of the outreach programs will include Neighborhood Watch, Citizens Police Academy and a law enforcement Youth Explorer post.

"National Night Out is a great opportunity for citizens, law enforcement and other public safety officials to join forces," said LPPD Officer Jerome McKown. "We encourage neighborhoods to come together and send the message that we are all working together to prevent crime and keep our neighborhoods safe. On Oct. 7, 2008, from 6 to 8 p.m., residents of La Porte are asked to turn on their porch lights, lock their doors and spend the evening outside with their neighbors, police officers, EMS technicians and fire fighters."

McKown said events in the past have included cookouts, block parties and youth activities.

"You are limited only by your imagination," he said. "For the past 13 years, Texas has led the nation in citizen and police involvement. Your participation in the La Porte area National Night Out will show neighborhood strength, increase the police officer-citizen bond and help to make our community a safer place to live."

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