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## PRESS RELEASE

## DOWNEY TO HOST 4th ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT "AMERICA'S NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME"

**Downey, CA, July, 14, 2016:** On Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, the City of Downey and the Downey Police Department will host the City's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out celebration from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Downey Civic Center located at 11111 Brookshire Ave.

National Night Out is a unique community event celebrated across the United States the first Tuesday in August every year. It is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local crime prevention programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and build police-community partnerships.

Downey's National Night Out event will promote community awareness by educating the community about crime prevention and community resources. It will also feature free food, drinks, children's activities, community information booths, and family fun.

Besides the events listed above, other activities include:

- C.E.R.T. Community Emergency Response Team will be providing information on emergency preparedness.
- Child I.D. & Fingerprinting Members of the Downey Police Explorer Program will be taking photographs and fingerprinting children for I.D cards. CD's will be provided to parents containing the information. Parents will be able to print out the I.D. card which will feature fingerprints, photo and emergency contact information.
- Kids Bicycle Skills Workshop Certified cycling instructors, the Downey Police
  Department's Bicycle Team & the Downey Kiwanis will teach essential bicycle &
  pedestrian safety skills. Children are encouraged to bring their bicycles and helmets.
- Sylvan Learning Center Children will be able to build with Legos by coding and programming robots.

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