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Minnesota Night to Unite

Tuesday, August 4, 2009



Join neighbors across Owatonna on Tuesday, August 4, 2009 for the 26th annual Minnesota Night to Unite celebration, formally recognized as National Night Out. You are invited to be a part of this community and nation-wide event to celebrate "America's Night to Unite Against Crime."

Night to Unite, a program of the Minnesota Crime Prevention Association (MCPA), will replace National Night Out, an event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. Despite the name change, the first Tuesday of every August will nevertheless continue as an enjoyable night of activities and fun identical to years past, maintaining focus on crime prevention and building a strong, safe community.

Minnesota Night to Unite is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime 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.

The Owatonna Police Department encourages you to participate in this great celebration of community, crime prevention, and strong police/community partnerships. A strong community makes for a safe community. Everything we do to strengthen the ties among neighbors of all ages, backgrounds and lifestyles makes our present and future that much brighter. Celebrating MINNESOTA NIGHT TO UNITE with the Owatonna Police Department and your neighbors is a positive way to build and nurture our community by starting quite literally, in your own front yard! For more information and/or registration, please contact the Owatonna Police Department at 507-774-7229 or through our website at ci.owatonna.mn.us/owatonna-police. Registration deadline is Tuesday, July 28, 2009.