



## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2017 Sample Program Ideas

### Introductions

- As guests arrive, play a fun icebreaker game.
- With guests sitting in a circle, go around giving brief introductions, including name, how long in neighborhood, children, profession, etc.

### Explain Purpose of National Night Out

- Check out the official National Night Out website at [www.nationaltownwatch.org](http://www.nationaltownwatch.org)
- National Night Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch as a way for neighbors to get to know each other. Studies show that when neighbors know each other, communities are safer and crime decreases. Over 30 million people participate in National Night Out worldwide.
- Your event may receive a visit from City of Oakland elected officials and staff including police officers and firefighters.

### Discuss Neighborhood Issues

- What issues/concerns do people have? Keep this list as short as possible. Perhaps make a list with discussion and follow-up later. Don't get bogged down – remember this should be a fun event!
- Find out if your neighbors want to participate in Neighborhood Watch. If so, contact the City of Oakland Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, Marlon Guzman, at 238-4523 for more information.

### Create a Neighborhood Map

- Collect names, addresses, and phone numbers to develop a neighborhood roster (include children, pets, email addresses and work phone numbers).
- Plan who will make a final copy and distribute it, etc. Send out via email and make a copy when necessary, distribute to all neighbors.
- Decide who will meet with the neighbors that were unable to attend your National Night Out party to add their information to your neighborhood roster.

### Select location for next year's National Night Out

### Refreshments/ Potluck/ BBQ

### Visiting and getting even better acquainted!