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The “26th Annual National Night Out” (NNO) has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, 2009, from 6 pm-9 pm. The Copperas Cove Police Department cordially invites all neighborhoods in Copperas Cove to be part of our NIGHT OUT 2009 team. This will be the 12th year that we have participated. We are asking residents in neighborhoods to lock their door, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Suggestions for outdoor functions include, but are not limited to: block parties, cookouts, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities and anti-crime and drug rallies.

Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 10,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, over **35 million** people participated in National Night Out 2008. This year Copperas Cove will, once again, join the efforts of other cities to promote crime prevention, public awareness and reduce crime in our community.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnership; and (4) send a message to the criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Citizens who are interested in having a block party should come by the Copperas Cove Police Department and pick up a registration form. For more information please contact Lt. Daniel Austin 547-4274 Monday-Friday 8am to 5pm.