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Town's Police Department Celebrates Annual "National Night Out" with Residents



CUTLER BAY, FL August 9, 2016 – The Town's Police Department invited residents to celebrate *National Night Out* last Tuesday, August 2, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the clubhouse at Isles of Bayshore within the Lakes by the Bay community.

National Night Out is observed by all fifty (50) United States, U.S. Territories, Canada and U.S. military bases around the world. The celebration takes place on the

first Tuesday in August of every year, and has been celebrated since 1984. *National Night Out* is a national effort to promote unity in communities and strengthen relationships between local public safety departments and citizens. It is a holiday designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs, and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. The events are sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and focus on drug prevention, town watch, neighborhood crime watch and other anti-crime efforts.

National Night Out with the Town's Police Department consisted of residents meeting Police Officers, addressing concerns and receiving essential crime prevention tips from the Town's Neighborhood Resource Unit (NRU). Mayor Peggy Bell, Vice Mayor Ernest Sochin, Major Julie Miller, Lieutenant Peter Zaharakos, the Neighborhood Resource Unit and other valiant Police Officers were in attendance at the Event.

"This was a great event in which residents spoke freely with our Police Command Staff and Officers about any safety concerns within their neighborhood. One of the main reasons for us incorporating was to have neighborhood police services, more patrols, traffic enforcement, school safety, crime watch, and personal contact with Police Officers. Our Police Department is doing a great job of keeping our residents safe and enforcing our traffic laws, especially speeding. Improving the relationship between our Police Department and residents is of utmost importance in today's environment" stated Mayor Peggy Bell.



Major Julie Miller, Cutler Bay Police Department added “We enjoyed partnering with the residents of the Town in an effort to build a safer community. We look forward to continuing this tradition for years to come”. Major Miller will be retiring from the Town’s Police Department after completing nine (9) years of public service with the Town, this upcoming December.

For additional information regarding upcoming special events, please visit the Town’s website at www.cutlerbay-fl.gov or contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (305) 234-4262.

