



Hanover County Sheriff's Office
Colonel V. Stuart Cook, Sheriff



Public Safety Announcement

For more information call Lt. Doug Goodman at 365-6312

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On Tuesday, August 2, 2005, Hanover County will join in with the entire nation in celebrating the 22th Anniversary of "America's Night Out Against Crime."

National Night Out is designed to: 1. Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; 2. Generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts; 3. Strengthen neighborhood spirit and law enforcement-community relations; and 4. Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organizing and fighting back.

From 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. (or a time you designate for your neighborhood) on August 2nd, residents in neighborhoods throughout Hanover County and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and spend the evening with neighbors and members of the Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with our friends at Hanover County Parks and Recreation, will be kicking off this year's festivities with a birthday party for McGruff the Crime Dog. This year is McGruff's 25th Anniversary and we will be throwing a birthday party for him at Pole Green Elementary School on August 2, 2005, at 2:30 p.m. Colonel V. Stuart Cook, his staff, and McGruff will be there to lead the celebration. Members of the media are encouraged to attend.

In addition to individual efforts, many neighborhoods throughout Hanover will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, visits from McGruff the CrimeDog and Sheriff's Deputies, flashlight walks, and youth activities. If you are unsure if your neighborhood has organized an event, please call your neighborhood association.

The members of the media are welcome to not only attend the kick-off celebration, but also are encouraged to visit some of the neighborhood events and even ride with a deputy during the evening. If you have any questions, please call Lt. Doug Goodman at 365-6312. For crime prevention tips, please visit our website at www.hanoversheriff.com.

Please come out and help the Sheriff's Office "Take a bite out of Crime!"

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