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Have you signed your neighborhood up for the Oct. 2 National Night Out? The neighborhood parties are 6 p.m.-9 p.m. citywide. The 2012 National Night Out theme is "Give Crime & Drugs a Going Away Party."

Crime prevention starts in your own backyard so organize your neighbors for a block party or neighborhood cookout, then make sure you let the police department know about your plans. Neighborhoods citywide will be celebrating 6 p.m.-9 p.m.

So far, three neighborhoods have signed up with commitments expected from at least half a dozen more. Community Resource Officer Jack Goleman, the police department's command staff, the fire department and fire marshal's office, Target, and other representatives from the City will visit as many neighborhoods as they can.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support and participation in anticrime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and to let criminals know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Approximately 2,000 residents in Burleson participated in 2010 and again in 2011. If you want your neighborhood on the list for a possible Oct. 2 visit from Burleson police officers, firefighters and Target representatives, call Community Resource Officer Jack Goleman at 817-426-9895 or email jgoleman@burlesontx.com no later than Sept. 24.