

Contact Us

If you decide to plan a NNO event, contact the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office at (303) 271-5363 (north/mountains) or (720) 377-2002 (south Jeffco). Let us know that you're interested in being a part of National Night Out. We would like to assist you any way we can and get an idea of how many events we will be attending.

About the Sheriff's Office

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) was founded in November 1859 and today serves 184,640 residents in the unincorporated areas of the county. As the largest full service sheriff's office in Colorado, the agency has 519 sworn deputies and 212 non-sworn employees who provide services to the community.

The department is housed in three locations: headquarters in Golden, a south precinct in the Ken Caryl area of south Jeffco, and a mountain precinct in Evergreen.

The Sheriff's Office has grown and advanced along with its communities. Today, it is one of the most progressive law enforcement agencies in the nation. Highly specialized in-house units include K-9, SWAT, Bomb Squad, Criminalistics, Victim Services and the Communication Center. The Sheriff's Office also operates the county jail, which underwent an expansion in 2000.

JCSO is accredited by both the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and the American Correctional Association (ACA), and is one of few agencies to achieve this distinction.



As law enforcement professionals, we pledge to serve the Jefferson County community, build trust and confidence, and respond to community needs with:

Integrity

We interact with each other and the community we serve with honesty, dignity, and respect.

Innovation

We respond to the community's needs with vision and initiative, relying on both traditional and non-traditional problem-solving methods.

Partnership

We actively promote a spirit of teamwork and cooperation through open communication and the free exchange of ideas.

Service

We continuously develop our skills and talents to provide top quality, responsive, effective law enforcement services.

Accountability

We ensure judicious management of human, financial, and physical resources.

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CRIME PREVENTION

National Night Out



How you can be part of America's Night Out Against Crime, and help reduce crime in your neighborhood



National Night Out

National Night Out is a series of nationwide celebrations held on the **first Tuesday in August** each year. The purpose of National Night Out (NNO) is to give neighbors an opportunity to get together in a setting close to home. Communication and familiarity among neighbors ranks among the most effective crime prevention strategies out there.

National Night Out is also an opportunity for deputies to interact with residents in a positive, relaxed and informal way. Deputies and residents often use NNO as an opportunity to share crime prevention tips and neighborhood concerns.

Because National Night Out events are a step toward creating safer neighborhoods, the Sheriff's Office encourages and supports these events throughout Jefferson County.

The History of NNO

Research has shown that neighborhoods where residents communicate openly and keep an eye out for one another tend to have less crime. Knowing your neighbors and the normal routines of your community helps you better identify suspicious incidents when they occur. Information sharing among neighbors can help raise awareness about criminal activity and quality-of-life issues that affect everyone.

In 1984, the National Association of Town Watch made the first Tuesday in August National Night Out, as a fun way for residents to begin making these important connections. Also known as "America's Night Out Against Crime," National Night Out has seen participation grow steadily over the years. Last year, over 30 million people participated in NNO events all over the world.



A deputy shares trading cards

Events

There are many different types of NNO events -- it all depends on the neighborhood. Some residents host block parties. Sometimes events are built around a barbecue, ice cream social or potluck dinner. Some families simply gather in their cul-de-sac and socialize while the children play. Any gathering that gives neighbors a chance to step outside their homes and talk fits the bill!

Some law enforcement agencies host large, coordinated events in their area parks. In Jefferson County, however, we are committed to the original concept behind NNO, and we encourage residents to host smaller gatherings in their neighborhoods.

The first Tuesday in August is the official National Night Out date. The Sheriff's Office allocates staffing each year on this date but does not allocate for NNO events planned outside this time frame.

Sheriff's Office Involvement

Deputies attend neighborhood events throughout the county to answer questions about law enforcement, showcase special equipment and share effective strategies for fighting neighborhood crime. Many different special units have visited NNO events:

- K-9
- Investigations
- SWAT
- Motorcycles
- Deputy HOA liaisons
- Bomb Squad
- Crime Prevention
- Child safety (clown)

Deputy involvement depends on availability. You may request a particular special unit or deputy, but due to the growing number of NNO events each year we cannot guarantee that specific deputies will be available.



Kookie the clown talks about child safety

Getting Started

Visit <http://www.nationalnightout.org/nno>. The National Night Out Web site has ideas about activities you can organize, photos from NNO activities around the nation, and other great tips on making your community strong and safe.

Talk to your neighbors and tell them about National Night Out. Figure out how many might attend and who can help ... and then start planning!

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