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Police program Tuesday

Crime awareness will be highlighted

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Orange will renew a tradition it has had for nearly three decades when residents come out in force to express their intent to keep criminal activity off the streets.

National Night Out, a country-wide activity in which Orange was among the first participants in the early 1980s, returns Tuesday night. City officials and personnel will travel through



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the city, stopping at local events, such as block parties, to meet with residents. While at the sites, they can learn from residents about problems within their neighborhoods while informing them of steps they can utilize to minimize criminal activity outside their residences.

The event also will present a new program. Additional officials and personnel will meet outside the Freddie Polhill Law and Justice Complex, better known as police headquarters, at 7 p.m. for a three-hour community fair. Activities for residents will include music, bicycle safety exhibitions as well as children's activities. Police officials said visitors also can receive information about personal safety related to crime prevention, such as how to secure residences to prevent illegal entry and reporting outside criminal activity to police.

National Night Out was created as a national initiative that brings attention to crime and drug prevention. It has become a method for residents to learn, and express support, for local anti-crime programs and emergency preparedness.

Activities move to the Central Playground on Friday night for the city's annual Family Fun Day at 5 p.m. Many of the activities from the Polhill event will occur during this program and will include the "Stop the Violence" basketball game between the Hassan C. Miller All-Stars and the Orange Dream Team on the court at 7 p.m.

The all-star club was named for the son of Councilman Hassan Abdul-Rasheed, whose son was shot and killed in the taxi cab he was driving in 2009 in East Orange.

The Polhill complex is at 29 Park St.; the Central Playground is at Central and Lincoln avenues. Contact the Orange Police Department at 973-266-4111 for additional information.

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