

## Tuesday, August 7th is NIGHT to UNITE

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The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office, in collaboration with the Minnesota Crime Prevention Association and AAA of Minnesota/Iowa, is sponsoring Night to Unite, the largest annual crime prevention event in Minnesota.

"Night to Unite has proven to be an effective, inexpensive, and enjoyable opportunity to promote neighborhood spirit and community partnerships that help build safer communities," Sheriff Matt Bostrom said. "Community benefits include neighbors getting to know each other and the public safety agencies that serve them. I encourage everyone to participate in this event, either by helping to organize their neighborhood party or attend it."

Night to Unite is a statewide event that builds and fosters community bonds between citizens, businesses and public safety organizations. Neighborhoods across the state display outdoor lights, front porch vigils, and celebrate with a variety of events and activities, including block parties and cookouts.

On Tuesday August 7, 2012, from 5-9 pm, community officials, fire departments and Ramsey County Sheriff's Office representatives will be visiting neighborhood gatherings in Arden Hills, Gem Lake, Little Canada, North Oaks, Shoreview, Vadnais Heights, and White Bear Township to celebrate the fourth annual Night to Unite.

Night to Unite is designed to heighten awareness of crime and drug prevention; generate support, and participation, for local anti-crime programs; and strengthen neighborhood spirit along with police-community partnerships. Additionally, many of the local neighborhood events also collect school supplies for local school students in need.

The deadline for registration of neighborhood parties is Friday, July 27, 2012 at 5:00 pm. More information and online neighborhood registration is available on the Sheriff's Office website: [www.co.ramsey.mn.us/sheriff](http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/sheriff) or by calling 651-266-7338.

In 2011 there were 117 Night to Unite neighborhood parties in the seven cities that the Sheriff's Office provides police services to. As of Wednesday, July 18, 2012 101 neighborhoods had

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registered with the Sheriff's Office, including 28 first time parties. Night to Unite events are also sponsored by police departments throughout the state of Minnesota.