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La Porte Police Department's “National Night Out”

Left Photo: (Danika Michalcik and LPPD K9 Huligan)

Top photo (Left to right, Natalie Melton, and Isabella Melton)

Right Photo (Left to right, Abigail Large, and Hadi Kimball)

Various Neighborhood gatherings and a Police Open House were but a few of the event activities

On Tuesday October 2nd, the citizens of La Porte joined members of the Police, Fire, and EMS Department in celebrating National Night Out. As in previous years, the occasion was highlighted by the Police Department's annual open house. However, several neighborhood gatherings were also held



throughout the community and were attended by personnel from the City's Emergency Services as well as members of City Council.

This year's residential National Night Out events in La Porte varied depending on the neighborhood. Some neighborhoods hosted block parties, complete with food and refreshments, while other community members planned their events in nearby parks, advertising it within HOA newsletters weeks before the event. Other residents simply gathered among centrally-located neighborhood homes and socialized as children played.

In addition to eight neighborhood-centered outreach efforts, nearly 700 citizens visited the La Porte Police Department's open house at the Herbert Freeman Police facility. Open house attractions included guided tours of the police department, courtesy of the police department's dedicated Citizen Police Academy volunteer staff, Youth Explorer Post, and Communications Division. Other displays and demonstrations were provided by emergency services personnel from throughout Harris County, including visits from Harris County Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin, along with several of his deputies. Additional emergency response and service organizations represented were Port of Houston Police, US Customs, U.S. Army, and Harris County Marine Division, & Community Service Divisions. Representatives from Congressman Brian Babin's office were also in attendance.

A number of City of La Porte members were on hand to represent the Police Communications Division, Crime Victim's Services, Bomb Squad, SWAT, DARE Program, Bicycle Patrol Unit, and Animal Control, as well as staff from the Office of Emergency Management, Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services, Fire Marshall's Office, and Municipal Court. Furthermore, associates from Beacon Credit Union, Wells Fargo, and State Farm Insurance agents comprised local business involvement. San Jacinto College, Bay Area Coalition on Drugs & Alcohol (BACODA) Southeast Harris County



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Community Coalition, and the Bridge provided information on community awareness and opportunities. Representing area support units were Alpha Search and Rescue, Operation Lifesaver Train Safety, Lyondell 911, the La Porte Fire Department's ladies auxiliary, Project Blue, and Cajun Navy. Food and refreshments were graciously provided by Beacon Federal Credit Union, H.E.B., and the La Porte Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association. Kona Ice was present with their snow-cone truck, and Noltex provided an ice cream cart. Lil Jack's Moonwalks also gave a well-appreciated repeat performance in offering recreational activities for the attendees at the police facility, free of charge. Baytown Police Department assisted with the temporary housing of those incarcerated at the time.

National Night Out gives residents an opportunity to intermingle in a setting close to home, and showcases another example of how the La Porte Police Department strives to foster positive relationships and promote safer neighborhoods. For more information on the department's involvement in their community, contact LPPD's Support Services Division at 281-842-3183. To view more photos of the 2018 National Night Out event, visit the La Porte Police Department's Facebook page @LaPortePoliceDepartment