

August 2009

Emergency Preparedness Pointers

★ ★ ★ NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ★ ★ ★

Tuesday, August 4, 2009 is the 26th Annual National Night Out (NNO). NNO is a crime and drug prevention event that is sponsored on a national level by the National Association of Town Watch. On a local level, it is organized by Neighborhood Watch (NW) groups. The purpose of the event is to get neighbors together to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support for and participation in local anti-crime programs
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships

Block parties and barbeques will be taking place around the Treasure Valley as part of this evening's events. If you are not already a part of a Neighborhood Watch program in your area, this is a good time to find out if there is one and if there is not, organizing a block party is a great way to start one.

★ ★ ★ NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH CONTACTS ★ ★ ★

Area	Agency	Contact	Email	Phone
Eagle, Kuna, Star and County Lands	Ada County Sheriff's Office	Myrna Harris	mharris@adaweb.net	577-3775
City of Boise	Boise Police	Charlene Miller	cmiller@cityofboise.org	570-6070
City of Meridian	Meridian Police	Melissa Delaney	mdelaney@meridianscity.org	846-7360
Garden City	Garden City Police	Kristin Boehm	kboehm@gardencitypolice.org	472-2950

Working with your neighbors strengthens the bonds of community. These relationships not only help keep your area secure, they will also help your neighborhood organize and respond to any type of emergency that may affect your area. For information on NW go to: <http://www.usaonwatch.org/> or contact your local representative. Neighborhood Watch programs are just one way to help local law enforcement keep the community safe. In this time of budget cuts and staffing shortages, local law enforcement agencies can use volunteers to help them in their day to day operations. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities with the local agencies that include:

- Greenbelt and Park Patrol
- Dispatch Assistant
- Crime Prevention Assistant

These volunteers are taking part in nationwide program called Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS). VIPS provide important support to law enforcement and help serve a greater cause in our community. For information on the national program go to: <http://www.policevolunteers.org/> Your local contacts are listed below:

★ ★ ★ VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICE CONTACTS ★ ★ ★

Area	Agency	Contact	Email	Phone
Eagle, Kuna, Star and County Lands	Ada County Sheriff's Office	Cory Russell	crussell@adaweb.net	577-3556
City of Boise	Boise Police	Glenna Crawford	gcrawford@cityofboise.org	570-6092
City of Meridian	Meridian Police	Barbara Hatch	bhatch@meridianscity.org	846-7340
Garden City	Garden City Police	Kristin Boehm	kboehm@gardencitypolice.org	472-2950

