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Durham Earns Three National Night Out Awards

The City of Durham Police Department and two Durham communities have been selected as National Award Winners for outstanding participation in the 25th Annual National Night Out (NNO) crime, drug and violence prevention program. It is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). In the 2008 NNO awards competition the City of Durham maintained its #10 ranking among cities with populations of 100,000 to 299,000. The City of Durham debuted on the NNO awards scene in 2006 with a ranking of #11 among similar-sized cities across the nation and moved up the ranks in 2007 to #10.

Making a debut in 2008 as NNO “All Star” award recipients are Durham’s **Azalea Park Apartments** community and **Audubon Park Homeowners Association**. NNO All-Stars are individuals, organizations or programs honored for outstanding participation, leadership and/or assistance during the NNO campaign, as well as exceptional or innovative accomplishments which might not fit into other award categories.

About National Night Out

Dubbed *America’s Night Out Against Crime*, NNO is sponsored each year by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). The 2008 observance engaged 37 million people in 15,449 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide. The NNO observance is designed to: 1) heighten crime, drug and violence prevention awareness; 2) generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; 3) strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and 4) send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Highlights of Durham’s 2008 NNO observance are featured on www.durhampolice.com. Simply click on the NNO 25th Anniversary logo. For a full listing of 2008 NNO award recipients, visit the NATW website at www.nationalnightout.org.

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