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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Garfield County's National Night Out & Touch-a-Truck Event

BATTLEMENT MESA, Colo. – On Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Garfield County Sheriff's Office will join thousands of communities nationwide for the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out neighborhood crime prevention gathering. The Sheriff's Office, along with the Battlement Mesa Activity Center, will be sponsoring a community event in the center's green space and parking area at 398 Arroyo Drive from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The purpose of National Night Out is four-fold: (1) heighten crime prevention awareness; (2) generate support for local anticrime efforts; (3) strengthen police-community partnerships and (4) let criminals know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. The event is free for all attendees, and the Sheriff's Office will be providing grilled hamburgers and hotdogs.

Also, since there will be no separate Touch-A-Truck event in Battlement Mesa this year, the following agencies/organizations tentatively will be participating with vehicles and/or exhibits:

- Advocate Safehouse Project:** information booth
- Apex Security:** information booth
- Bureau of Land Management:** vehicle, information booth
- Child River Bridge:** information booth
- Colorado West Counseling Services:** information booth
- Dependable Waste:** waste management truck and racecar
- Elkhorn Construction:** truck-mounted crane
- Ensignal:** Verizon Wireless information booth
- Garfield County All Hazards Response Team:** BearCat armored personnel carrier, crisis negotiation "Green Machine" mobile command vehicle
- Garfield County Crime Stoppers:** dunk tank, McGruff the Crime Dog, information booth
- Garfield County Emergency Communications Authority:** Ready Fox, information booth
- Garfield County Public Health:** car seat and immunization pamphlets, tobacco prevention information booths
- Garfield County Search and Rescue, Inc.:** vehicles, equipment and information
- Garfield County Seniors:** information booth

**Garfield County Sheriff's Office:** patrol vehicle, K-9 demonstration, bike patrol, seat belt checks, Auxiliary vehicle, children's backpacks, informational material and Everbridge Emergency Notification System registration

**Grand River Hospital District:** information booth

**Grand Valley Fire Protection District:** ladder truck and ambulance

**Loomis Armored Transport:** armored truck

**National Guard:** climbing wall, obstacle course, information booth

**Paper Wise Shredding:** shredder truck [*citizens are encouraged to bring paperwork they want shredded – only \$5 fee per standard file-sized box*]

**Patriot Guard Riders:** motorcycles and information

**Parachute Police Department:** law enforcement vehicle, information booth

**School District No. 16:** school bus

**Toby's:** two tanker trucks

**Youth Zone:** information booth

This year, National Night Out will involve over 14,625 communities from all 50 states and U.S. territories in an attempt to strengthen neighborhood cooperation and law enforcement-community partnerships. National Project Coordinator Matt Peskin said, "This is a night for America to stand together to promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity. . . . On NNO, we invite neighborhoods nationwide to join us in *Giving Crime & Drugs A Going Away Party.*"

National Night Out is now on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/nationalnightout](http://www.facebook.com/nationalnightout) where residents can follow nationwide events while also posting comments and photos regarding their respective community activities.

For more information, please contact Phil Strouse, Garfield County Sheriff's Office Community Relations, at 970-309-9697 or [pstrouse@garcosheriff.com](mailto:pstrouse@garcosheriff.com).

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