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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **GarCo Sheriff's Office Organizing Local National Night Out Event**

BATTLEMENT MESA, Colo. – On Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Garfield County Sheriff's Office will join thousands of communities nationwide for the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out neighborhood crime and drug prevention gathering. The Sheriff's Office, along with the Battlement Mesa Activity Center, will be sponsoring a community event in the center's parking area at 398 Arroyo Drive from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Our goal is to create a partnership of a lifetime, so join us as we brainstorm ways to build safer communities. Bring the entire family, dinner will be provided by the Garfield County Sheriff's Office, there will be plenty of activities for kids of all ages.

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The purpose of National Night Out is four-fold: (1) heighten crime prevention awareness; (2) generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) strengthen neighborhood spirit and 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, chips, water, and a night full of entertainment.

The Sheriff's Office and Activity Center staff are actively coordinating with area agencies such as the Parachute Police Department, Grand Valley Fire Department, Colorado State Patrol, Department of Transportation and others to showcase vehicles and equipment for visitors of all ages.

Displays will include the county's All Hazards Response Team BearCat armored vehicle, Sheriff's Office patrol vehicle and K-9 demonstration, Parachute police cruiser, Grand Valley Fire trucks and firefighting gear, Toby's water trucks and a Loomis armored truck. McGruff the Crime Dog is expected to make an appearance as well.

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.*"

*The mission of the Garfield County Sheriff's Office is to provide solutions for the people by utilizing and employing strong morals, good character, untarnished integrity, technical knowledge and fiscal responsibility through professional, ethical and equitable conduct.*

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