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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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Subject: National Night Out ~ Tuesday, August 5, 2014  
Fort Bragg to join cities nationwide for  
"America's Night Out Against Crime"

#### **CIRCUMSTANCES:**

On Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, neighborhoods throughout Fort Bragg are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "**31<sup>st</sup> Annual National Night Out**" (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by the Fort Bragg Police Department, will involve over 16,124 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all, over 37.8 million people participated in "America's Night Out Against Crime" in 2013. This year's "31<sup>st</sup> Annual National Night Out", will be the largest ever.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (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.

NATW's Executive Director, Matt Peskin said, "It's a wonderful opportunity for communities nationwide to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie. While the one night is certainly not an answer to crime, drugs and violence, National Night Out represents the kind of spirit, energy and determination to help make neighborhoods a safer place year round. The night celebrates safety and crime prevention successes and works to expand and strengthen programs for the next 364 days."

From 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m., Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, residents in neighborhoods and businesses throughout Fort Bragg and across the nation, are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Last year there were nine block parties and this year we have confirmed over 14 different block parties! One of the parties will be at the Police Department on Cypress Street. Come by between the hours of 5:00p.m. and 7:00p.m. and enjoy a free hotdog dinner with us!

I want to thank all of those community members and businesses who have supported this event. Together we can make a difference.

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