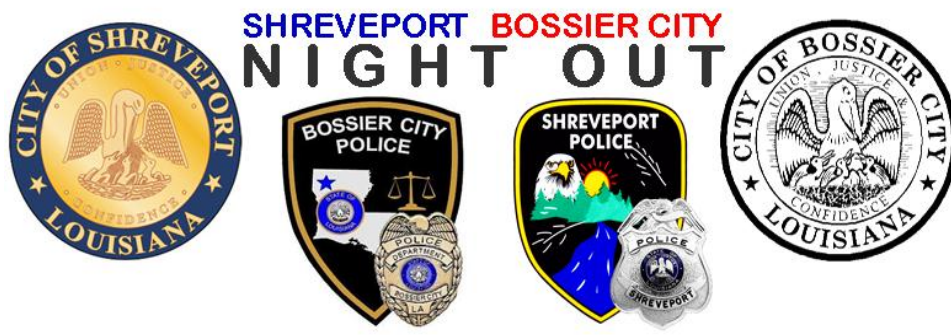




RIVER CITIES PREPARE FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME!

Neighborhoods throughout Caddo and Bossier Parish are once again being invited to join forces for a celebration of **“National Night Out”** against crime and drugs.

Hosting the event in October has traditionally meant cooler weather, more participation and fun for all ages, “Southern Style!”

“National Night Out” is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for our local anticrime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships, and send a clear message our neighbors are organized and fighting back!

On Tuesday, October 4th, from 6 – 9 P.M., residents in neighborhoods throughout Shreveport, Bossier City and both parishes, are asked to lock their doors, turn on our porch lights and spend the evening outside with family, friends, fellow neighbors, emergency response personnel and city officials. Many neighborhoods throughout Caddo and Bossier Parish will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities and anticrime rallies.

Shreveport Police Corporal Marcus Hines, Shreveport’s National Night Out Coordinator said, "This is a night for all of the participants in both parishes to stand together to promote safety and neighborhood unity. Our event showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight to build a safer nation, one city at a time. We invite all neighborhoods to join us in *Giving Crime & Drugs a Going Away Party!*

Shreveport residents have participated in National Night Out for past 30 years, with a growing number of new block parties every year. Last year Shreveport-Bossier boasted well over 120 registered block parties. Citizens who wish to have their streets blocked off for their parties, will be required to register with the Shreveport Police Department for street closures by filling out a form which can be found either on the city’s webpage www.shreveportla.gov/NightOut, the Crime Stoppers webpage, www.lockemup.org, or the Shreveport Police Department’s webpage.

Additional questions please contact Cpl. Marcus Hines at 673-6932