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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **Town of Hamden National Night Out**

Hamden, Connecticut 06514 – On Tuesday, August 5th, thousands of communities throughout the nation are being invited to join forces for National Night Out (NNO), a crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and is co-sponsored locally by the Hamden Police Department and Hamden Youth Services Bureau with special support from TARGET, the national corporate sponsor. The event will involve over 11,000 communities from 50 states, U.S. Territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The Town of Hamden invites area families and individuals for a fun, free evening of activities and entertainment at Frank Cesare Field, (formerly Hamden Plains Field) on Blue Hills Avenue behind Church Street School from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Over fifty community organizations and businesses will be represented. They will distribute information, interact with participants and offer an activity or giveaway. In addition to arts and crafts there will be games, the state's tallest inflatable slide, raffles, giveaways, child I.D. cards and other activities. We will celebrate National Night Out with live performances by local talent including music and dance! Free refreshments will be offered including hot dogs (fresh from the grill), fresh fruit, water and refreshing sno-cones. With support from the Town of Hamden Office of the Mayor – Curt Balzano Leng, Hamden Arts, Recreation and Culture, Fire Department, Public Works, Parks, and Community Services, it is sure to be a great evening!

For the past six years, Hamden's National Night Out event has ranked in the top 40 in the entire nation compared to other communities our size. This year, Hamden's National Night Out will be better than ever! Our theme this year is Clean and Safe Neighborhoods. A number of Hamden town departments, organizations, businesses and civic organizations will band together to clean trash and graffiti, and enhance the environment with public art to create a safer and more welcoming town.

Volunteers are needed prior to the event, at the event and post event. Please contact Patunia Medy, Volunteer Coordinator, 203 777-2610 ext. 1124 if you are interested in volunteering. In addition, space is still available free of charge to non-profit organizations or businesses that wish to set up a table with resources for the community. The event is completely free and we ask that vendors do not sell items or services. For more information, please contact Susan Rubino at (203) 777-2610 ext.

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