

POLICE 'HONORED' TO HOLD NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN OCTOBER

FREE FOOD, PETTING ZOO, TOUCH A TRUCK, CAR SHOW & MORE

The Simpsonville Police Department will host its annual National Night Out event on Oct. 3 at 6-8 p.m. at Heritage Park.

Moving the event from its usual August date was to ensure that no concerts or other events would interfere with having a fun night for the police and public. National Night Out was established in 1984 to promote community policing by giving officers and members of the public the space in which they can interact in positive ways.

Simpsonville Chief of Police Mike Hanshaw said National Night Out is about community building.

“National Night Out is one of our favorite events of the year because of the open and fun atmosphere that encourages positive face-to-face interactions between our police officers and the people we are sworn to serve and protect,” Hanshaw said. “Much of the time, officers are responding to manage a situation in the worst day of a citizen’s life, and while our duty is to enforce the law, we remember that our calling is higher: to make Simpsonville a better place for all.”

National Night Out this year will feature free hamburgers and hotdogs, bounce houses, VR trailer, petting zoo, Touch-a-Truck, community vendors, car show, The Blood Connection and much more—all free!

Overseeing and planning National Night Out for the second year in a row, Sgt. Karlee Patrikis



said her colleagues and she are excited about Oct. 3.

“The Simpsonville Police Department is honored to hold this event every year to gather with the community and give back to the citizens they serve,” Sgt. Patrikis said. “We invite the community of Simpsonville to come out, meet their local police officers and participate in all the fun activities available.”



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