

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **DA Murray, prosecutors join neighbors fighting crime during National Night Out**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – As communities across Mecklenburg County and the country come together Tuesday evening to take a stand against crime, District Attorney Andrew Murray and his prosecutors will visit local neighborhoods to support crime prevention efforts and speak with residents about the criminal justice system.

[National Night Out](#), which was created decades ago by the National Association of Town Watch, is celebrated nationwide as an opportunity for communities to promote crime prevention programs. This year, DA Murray and more than 50 of his Assistant District Attorneys will attend 28 events in Mecklenburg County to meet with the people they work to protect and answer their questions about the role of the District Attorney's Office. Most local neighborhoods will host events on the nationally designated date, Tuesday, August 4, and some will celebrate other days this week.



**District Attorney Andrew Murray speaks with Charlotte residents during a 2014 National Night Out celebration.**

“Whether it’s reporting a crime or being willing to come to court to testify, we need the public’s help to successfully prosecute defendants who endanger our safety,” says DA Murray. “Those who participate in National Night Out are sending a message that crime will not be tolerated in their communities. My prosecutors and I, along with law enforcement, are proud to stand with those communities to help ensure that we keep Mecklenburg County safe.”

This is the fourth year that Mecklenburg County prosecutors have attended National Night Out celebrations as an extension of DA Murray’s Community Liaison Initiative, a program that aims to create an open dialogue between prosecutors and the community.

DA Murray regrets that he cannot personally attend each event, but he will attend events hosted by the Hidden Valley neighborhood, the West Boulevard Neighborhood Coalition and the McCrorey Heights neighborhood.

DA Murray also makes his prosecutors available to speak with neighborhood organizations or civic groups. [Click here](#) for more information about the Community Liaison Initiative or to request that a representative of the DA’s Office attend your next community meeting.

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