

NEWS RELEASE

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DA Murray, prosecutors support National Night Out events

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Mecklenburg County District Attorney Andrew Murray and his prosecutors will visit neighborhoods Tuesday for the third year in a row as residents celebrate National Night Out, the annual crime prevention program. Over the course of this week, prosecutors will visit 27 neighborhoods across Mecklenburg County.

The District Attorney's Office's participation in National Night Out is an extension of the Community Liaison Initiative that Mr. Murray launched soon after taking office in 2011 to create a link between prosecutors and the community.

“National Night Out is a great opportunity to engage our community partners and talk with them about our successes in the courtroom, as well as the challenges our neighborhoods face,” says Mr. Murray. “My office and our law enforcement partners recognize that having an open line of communication with the people of Mecklenburg County is an essential element in our fight to seek justice and protect our families.”

National Night Out was created by the [National Association of Town Watch](#) more than 30 years ago to promote crime prevention programs and neighborhood unity in an effort to take a stand against crime. Most local neighborhoods will host events on the nationally designated date, Tuesday, Aug. 5. Some will celebrate other days this week.

Mr. Murray is sending two Assistant District Attorneys to each of the 27 events, allowing them to meet with the people they work to protect every day. They'll discuss the role of the District Attorney's Office in the criminal justice system and answer residents' questions. Mr. Murray regrets that he cannot personally attend each event, but he will attend events hosted by the Hidden Valley, Highland Creek and Grier Heights neighborhoods.

Mr. Murray also makes his Assistant District Attorneys available to address neighborhood organizations or civic groups. [Click here](#) for more information about the Community Liaison



DA Andrew Murray meets with Hidden Valley and Madison Park residents celebrating National Night Out in 2013.



Initiative or to request a representative at your next community meeting.

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