

NEWS RELEASE

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DA Murray, prosecutors to attend National Night Out events across Mecklenburg County

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – On Tuesday evening, Mecklenburg County District Attorney Andrew Murray and his prosecutors will visit neighborhoods across Mecklenburg County as part of the annual National Night Out celebration. They plan to attend 26 such events across the county this week.

National Night Out, which was created by the [National Association of Town Watch](#), aims to promote involvement in crime prevention programs and create neighborhood camaraderie while sending a message that crime will not be tolerated. Millions of people across the country celebrate each year. Most local neighborhoods will host events on the nationally designated day, Tuesday, Aug. 6. Some will celebrate on other days this week.

“My prosecutors and I are proud to stand with our local law enforcement partners during National Night Out as we work together with members of the community to help make Mecklenburg County a safer place,” says Mr. Murray. “Community involvement and support is critical in the prevention, investigation and prosecution of crime in our neighborhoods.”

Mr. Murray will send two Assistant District Attorneys to each of the 26 events to which the DA’s Office was invited this year. In all, 50 Assistant District Attorneys will meet with members of the community, explain the prosecutor’s role in the criminal justice system and answer questions.

Mr. Murray regrets that he cannot personally attend each event, but he will attend events hosted by the Madison Park and Hidden Valley neighborhoods, as well as the celebration hosted by the Cornelius Police Department and Parks, Arts, Recreation & Culture (PARC) Department.

The DA’s outreach in the community during National Night Out is an extension of his Community Liaison Initiative. Mr. Murray created the Initiative shortly after he took office in 2011 as a means of creating positive relations with community members, whom prosecutors represent every day in court. The Initiative also promotes Mr. Murray’s goal of openness by



Assistant District Attorney Gabi Macon meets with Charlotteans during a recent community festival. On Aug. 6, District Attorney Andrew Murray and his prosecutors will visit neighborhoods across Mecklenburg County for National Night Out.

informing the public about the court system and prosecutors' efforts to protect Mecklenburg County.

Mr. Murray also makes his Assistant District Attorneys available to address community meetings. [Click here](#) for more information about the Community Liaison Initiative or to request a representative at your next community meeting.

Note: For more information about the District Attorney's Office, visit www.charmeckda.com. For updates and other information, "like" the DA's Office on Facebook at www.facebook.com/charmeckda and follow us on Twitter: @CharMeckDA.

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