National Night Out is a community-police awareness-raising event in the United States, held the first Tuesday of August.

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The event has been held annually since 1984 and is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch in the United States and Canada.

The event is meant to increase awareness about police programs in communities, such as drug prevention, town watch, neighborhood watch, and other anti-crime efforts.

The events are typically organized by block watches, non-for-profit organizations, companies, and police departments.

Locally, UW-Whitewater Police Services and Whitewater Police Department partner to host this great event by Cravath Park. Mark your Calendars for 2015 and bring your children and/or grandchildren to meet and interact with Law Enforcement in a Positive and Fun night for all.

Detective Servi is pictured on the left assisting a young rider in maneuvering a golf cart. Sgt. Schwartz is seen on the right speaking with some community members.
Whitewater Police Department to crack down on drunken motorists during the campaign

The Whitewater Police Department will be out in force along with hundreds of other law enforcement agencies throughout Wisconsin for the annual “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” crackdown on drunken drivers from now until Sept. 2.

Drunken driving is one of the most prevalent and deadly crimes in Wisconsin, according to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Last year, 223 people were killed and nearly 3,000 injured in alcohol-related traffic crashes in Wisconsin. There were nearly 27,000 convictions for drunken driving in the state last year.

The Police Department reminds drivers, drunken driving is entirely preventable by designating a sober driver or finding an alternative way home. Police say they are on the lookout for drivers who make the irresponsible choice to drive while impaired and will be making arrests.

The consequences of a drunken driving arrest include major embarrassment, expensive penalties, mandatory installation of an ignition interlock device, and possibly jail time.

To help prevent drunken driving, the Zero In Wisconsin traffic safety initiative has a free “Drive Sober” mobile app, which includes features like “Find a Ride,” blood alcohol estimator, and designated driver selector to help you get home safely and achieve zero preventable deaths on Wisconsin roadways.

The Drive Sober app can be downloaded by visiting zeroinwisconsin.gov.

*article from Mywalworthcounty.com
Ofc. Dan Kuehl and Ofc. Josh Kuehl working the “Best Damn” Bike Tour for Multiple Sclerosis.

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Officers from local Law Enforcement Agencies attended Cop on a Rooftop in Newville to help raise money for Special Olympics. Agencies present were UW-Whitewater, Whitewater PD, Stoughton PD, Town of Fulton, and Edgerton PD. Total amount raised was $1199! Not pictured - Ofc Jeff VonAlven.