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Join Your Neighbors for Night to Unite

June 28, 2024 – ROCHESTER, MINN. –The Rochester Police Department (RPD) and Olmsted County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) are excited to celebrate Night to Unite, also known as National Night Out.

Millions of people across the country will join forces on **Tuesday**, **August 6** to promote neighborhood unity and police-community partnerships in pursuit of safer communities.

Neighborhoods are encouraged to organize gatherings and register them at <u>RochOlmstedUnite.com</u> by Wednesday, July 31. Law enforcement officers from RPD or OCSO will visit as many neighborhood celebrations as possible. Other first responders, including Rochester Fire Department, will be visiting neighborhoods too.

Police Chief Jim Franklin shares, "The best way to create a safer community is to know your neighbors. Night to Unite is a perfect opportunity to bring us all together in support of a safer Rochester."

Kevin Torgerson, Olmsted County Sheriff, adds, "The goals of Night to Unite and our Sheriff's Office mission statement are intertwined, to promote and protect the well-being, safety, and security of all people in our community. We look forward to joining with our friends and neighbors again this year to work towards those common goals here in Olmsted County. We will see you in your neighborhood on August 6!"

Night to Unite is traditionally held the first Tuesday in August.

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