



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

City of River Falls

Participant Guide

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Welcome

Dear NNO Host,

Congratulations, you have taken the first step in hosting a successful National Night Out. This participation packet provides you with valuable information and ideas for your events, street permit information, FAQ's, and sample flyers.

National Night Out is a great crime prevention tool about building partnerships between the Police and the Community. It is the opportunity to engage with each other, and to get to know neighbors and officers in your community.

National Night Out this year is Tuesday, August 6th, 2019. If you have not registered your event please do so by emailing Officer Tom Overland at toverland@rfcity.org. Don't forget to let him know if you are interested in visits from fire or special police units.

We want to ensure you have the support and information you need to plan a great event. If you have questions or need more information please contact Neighborhood Resource Officer Tom Overland at 715-425-0909 or toverland@rfcity.org

We hope you have a great National Night Out!

Sincerely,

Tom Overland

Neighborhood Resource Officer

River Falls Police Department

Why National Night Out?

National Night Out was introduced in 1984 by the National Association of Town Watch through an established network of law enforcement agencies, community groups, state and local crime prevention associations and volunteers across the nation. The first National Night Out involved 2.5 million neighbors across 400 communities. The event has grown to 38 million neighbors across 16 thousand communities and neighborhoods!

Why is that important? It's neighbors getting to know each other, share a fun evening, meet officers, and celebrate their neighborhoods and blocks.

When is National Night Out?

National Night Out is the first Tuesday of August every year. This year it is Tuesday August 6th 2019.

Street Blocking Permits

Some blocks choose to block off one or more streets to hold their events. We have worked hard to make it as easy as possible to complete the necessary paperwork. The process required is as follows:

1. Go to www.rfcity.org/police
2. Open the Special Event Application. If you need a paper copy of the form one can be printed out for you at the River Falls Police Department.
3. Complete the following sections:
 - a. Applicant Information (Page 1)
 - b. Site Plan (Page 2)
 - c. Neighborhood Block Party/Street Closure Request Form (Pages 17, 18).
4. Contact Tom Overland at either toverland@rfcity.org or 715-425-0909 and inform him of your intent to be part of National Night Out.
5. Submit the event application forms no later than July 6th, 2019, to ensure the permit can be reviewed.

We do have a limited number of barricades so complete your registration and permits early to ensure you receive barricades.

FAQ's

Q. Why do I need to fill out an application form for our National Night Out party?

A. We ask you to register because it is how we track the number of events and participants. It also lets us know where to send officers and special units. If you are requesting to block off your street you must fill out the application.

Q. Do I need a permit to block my street?

A. Yes, the permit applications are available on line. You will need to turn in the permit no later than July 6th, 2019 to ensure the permit can be reviewed. There are also limited amounts of barricades so complete your permit early if you want to ensure you get barricades for your block. If all of the barricades are taken, cones or saw horses may be used instead. We ask that you do not block the street with your cars, as we need to be able to move barricades so that we can pass through the area with emergency vehicles.