

## **Help District Three “Take It Back To The Old School” During**

### **National Night Out - Tuesday, August 4, 2009**

On Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, neighborhoods throughout Milwaukee are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out crime and drug prevention event. The national theme again for this year is “*Giving Crime & Drugs A Going Away Party*”, however District Three’s event has adopted another as well, “*Let’s Take It Back to the Old School*”. The idea behind this theme has been talked about by, Chief of Edward Flynn and Mayor Tom Barrett. It references a time when kids playing in the front yard, parents and grandparents sitting on the porch was the norm.

National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch NATW and co-sponsored by the Milwaukee Police Department, will involve over 15, 000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and Military bases around the world. In all, over 37 million people are expected to participate in America’s Night Out Against Crime”. National Night Out 2009 is being sponsored in part by TARGET, the national corporate sponsor.

National Night Out is designed to: heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 7:00p.m. - 10:00p.m.on August 4, residents in neighborhoods throughout Milwaukee and across the nation, are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods throughout Milwaukee will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from police, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities and anticrime rallies.

National Project Coordinator **Matt Peskin** said, “This is a night for America to stand together to promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity. National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight to build a safer nation. On August 4<sup>th</sup>, we invite neighborhoods nationwide to join us and “*Let’s Take It Back To The Old School*”.

Please join the Milwaukee Police Department, District Three, 2333 North 49<sup>th</sup> (parking lot) Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, between 3:00p.m. – 6:00p.m. in celebrating National Night Out, for an evening of FOOD, FUN, and TONS of worthwhile information.