



CARMEL OBSERVER

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Crime Watch Coordinators and Block Captains:

National Night Out was once again a huge success! We would like to give a big thanks to all the neighborhood coordinators for organizing their get togethers. We really appreciate all the time and effort you put forth each year for this national event.

Take Note

By Lt. Jeff Horner

Next year National Night Out will fall on Tuesday, August 3, 2010. Due to the growing number of participating neighborhoods and limited manpower, the Carmel Police Department will only be able to participate on the designated night. This year we had several neighborhoods celebrate National Night Out on alternate nights. We tried to accommodate all requests; however, it was difficult to schedule these requests. Next year, please plan on celebrating National Night Out on the designated night; Tuesday, August 3, 2010. Thank you all for your support and continued efforts to make National Night Out a success.

Reminder

School is back in session. Please be cautious and slow down when driving through neighborhoods and watch your speed in the school zones.

Child Safety Tips

Major Luckie Carey has provided the following information that you should discuss with your children.

As soon as your children can talk, they can begin the process of learning how to protect themselves against abduction and exploitation. Children should be taught:

- Never tell someone that you are home alone. If a caller asks for mom or dad, tell them that they can't come to the phone right now and take a message.

- Do not get into a car or go anywhere with any person unless your parents have told you that it is okay.
- If someone follows you on foot or in a car, stay away from him or her. You don't need to go near the car to talk to the people inside.
- Grown-ups and other older people who need help should not be asking children for help, they should be asking other grown-ups. If a stranger asks you for directions or assistance with a "lost puppy", tell them to ask an adult.
- If someone tries to take you somewhere, quickly get away from them and yell or scream, "This man is trying to take me away" or "You're not my father (or mother). If you are riding on your bike and someone tries to grab you, hug the bike so that they have to pick up both you and the bike.
- You should always try to use a "buddy system" and never go places alone.
- Always ask your parent's permission to leave the yard or play area or to go into someone's home.
- Never hitchhike or try to get a ride home with anyone unless your parents have told you it is okay to ride with him or her.
- No one should ask you to keep a special secret. If someone does, tell your parents or teacher.
- If someone wants to take your picture, tell them NO and tell your parents or teacher.
- You have the right to say NO to anyone who tries to take you somewhere, touches you, or makes you feel uncomfortable in any way.
- If a car is following beside you, to get away from it just turn around and walk the other direction.

*Questions, Comments or Concerns,
Please give us a call.*

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