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The Havre de Grace Police Department and the Havre de Grace Housing Authority (HDGHA) joined forces Aug. 4 to participate in National Night Out – America’s Night Out Against Crime, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the HDGHA neighborhood Somerset Manor, a multi-family public housing community.

Many residents of the community, along with Chief Teresa Walter of the Havre de Grace Police Department and other officers, turned out for the event to celebrate the safety of the community, enjoy light refreshments and participate in a strategic planning session to further community security.

National Night Out is part of a national community building campaign designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships and send a message to criminals to let them know neigh-

borhoods are organized and fighting back.

“Partnering with the Havre de Grace Housing Authority for National Night Out benefits individual residents and the community as a whole by building a positive relationship between residents and law enforcement. That relationship ensures information is consistently and reliably exchanged between the parties so that many problems can be prevented and any issues that do arise can be addressed more rapidly,” Pfc. Jeff Gilpin of the Havre de Grace Police Department said. “Any geographic area that promotes and fosters a safe environment helps the entire area prosper, and proves that stigmas typically associated with public housing are not always accurate. National Night Out unites the community and proves we all share the same goals of wanting a safe and peaceful place to live.”

For more information about HDGHA visit the community’s Facebook page.