



# Margate Police Department

ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Cale Curtis, City Manager

FROM: Michael Palma, Chief of Police

DATE: May 7, 2025

**SUBJECT: National Night Out Against Crime**

National Night Out (NNO) Against Crime, which is typically held annually on the first Tuesday of August, has been extraordinarily successful in the promotion of involvement in crime and drug prevention activities and awareness, strengthening safe neighborhood spirit and police-community relations, as well as encouraging neighborhood camaraderie as part of the fight for safer streets. On Tuesday, August 5, 2025 from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M., the City of Margate Police Department in cooperation with the City of Margate will be celebrating National Night Out and inviting all City Officials, City of Margate residents and their families to join us at the Sports Complex, 1695 Banks Rd.

Our community-building event is in the planning stages, and will include free activities and refreshments for the whole family. We will be promoting safe neighborhood activities and neighborhood watch, and would like to provide some crime prevention information and giveaways to raise awareness to the attendees.

To support our National Night Out program, and for the purpose of acquiring additional crime prevention items for this and other programs throughout the year, I am respectfully requesting to fund this initiative from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund Account in the amount not to exceed \$70,000. In accordance with the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, we are required to expend or donate no less than 25% of our previous fiscal year's total collection under state forfeitures for the support or operation of any drug treatment, drug abuse education, drug prevention, crime prevention, safe neighborhood, or school resource officer program(s). Accordingly, I am respectfully requesting that the Mayor and City Commission approve this expenditure, which will qualify under this provision absent appropriated law enforcement funds.

If you need any additional information, or further clarification, please feel free to contact me.