



Margate Police Department

ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY



MEMORANDUM

TO: Cale Curtis, City Manager

FROM: Michael Palma, Chief of Police *MP*

DATE: June 3, 2026

SUBJECT: National Night Out Against Crime

National Night Out (NNO) Against Crime, which is typically held 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 4, 2026 from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M., the City of Margate Police Department 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 celebration and program is in the planning stages, which will include, activities for youth and children. We will be promoting safe neighborhood activities and neighborhood watch and would like to provide some crime prevention giveaways to the attendees, as we have done for over the past two decades.

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.