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National Night Out Against Crime Award Recipient

The Franconia Township Police Department is pleased to announce that we have been selected as a 2009 National Award Winner for our 2009 National Night Out Against Crime celebration. Our celebration was held at the Franconia Township Park on Allentown Road on Tuesday, August 4th, 2009. This was the township's 13th year hosting this anti-crime awareness celebration. The department was recognized under the "Category 5: under 15,000 population" category.

This is fantastic news for our township, as it was the dedicated support of our community members, local businesses, public safety organizations and the township staff that helped to create such a successful event.

National Night Out is an annual worldwide event in which law enforcement agencies, local officials, local businesses, and citizens get together to increase anti-crime awareness and strengthen community partnerships. Each year millions of people worldwide participate in National Night Out, and approximately 2,000 people attend Franconia Township Police Department's event.

With notably the highest attendance recorded in Franconia Township, the night was a huge success. While enjoying the nice weather, guests viewed demonstrations of emergency services and equipment from local, county and regional agencies, including the Graterford Mounted Patrol Unit, the Sheriff's Department Bomb Squad, and the Telford Volunteer Diving and Rescue Unit.

In addition to the more than 15 public safety organizations distributing literature and give-aways on the "information midway," there was a custom car show, model airplane show,

MedEvac helicopter landing, “Dunk-a-Cop” dunk tank, hay ride, food, basket raffle, and children’s activities. Pennsylvania State Senator Stewart Greenleaf was also on location meeting and speaking with community members.

This year, the Franconia Township Police Department introduced its 1st Annual Public Safety bike race, where officers and public safety personnel face off using children’s bikes in their full uniforms. Chief Joseph S. Kozeniewski paired off with Perseverance Fire Company of Souderton’s President Jim Gallagher. The large crowd that gathered to watch the race waived their checkered flags and cheered them down the course. While “Chief Joe” took the 1st place position, both participants should be recognized for their effort and spirit.

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation and congratulations to the Franconia Township residents, business organizations, public safety participants, and township employees for their dedication to the Franconia Township Police Department’s National Night Out Against Crime celebration.

Please visit www.FranconiaPolice.org for more information on our celebration and photos of the event.

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