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The Woodlands Township Hosts Community Safety Expo and Hometown Salute to Harvey Heroes and Volunteers

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (September 27, 2017) – The Woodlands Township recognized the first responders of Hurricane Harvey at the Community Safety Expo: A Hometown Salute to Harvey Heroes & Volunteers on Saturday, September 23, 2017, in Northshore Park. The Community Safety Expo is an annual event sponsored by the Township’s Neighborhood Watch as part of the National Night Out campaign.

This year, the event included a special tribute to first responders and volunteers by Chairman Gordy Bunch and Township Directors, along with a special musical performance by resident Jesse Cole. The Board of Directors commended the many first responders and volunteers for all of their selfless work throughout the storm and in the weeks that followed, with Chairman Bunch reading a long list of the agencies and first responder teams who assisted during Hurricane Harvey.

“Our first responders worked tirelessly throughout the storm to ensure the safety of our community and residents,” Chairman Bunch said. “This is going to be the longest list that I’ve ever said thank you to and it might break a world record, but we don’t want to omit anyone from our gratitude. There are two words that can’t be said enough in regards to our Harvey heroes --- and that’s thank you.”

In addition to celebrating hometown heroes, the Community Safety Expo featured live music provided by Texas Joe Bailey, public safety demonstrations, along with food and refreshments for the attendees. Numerous local agencies participated including the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office, Crime Stoppers, the Texas Rangers, Harris County Constable’s Office Precinct 4, Harris County Sheriff’s Office, The Woodlands Fire Department and many more.

Residents also had the opportunity to meet public safety personnel, see equipment, tour mobile command units of the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office and Homeland Security, watch law enforcement K-9 demonstrations, experience virtual reality goggles and more. Children’s activities included face painting, a bounce house, crafts and hanging out with McGruff the Crime Dog.

“The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Watch, through their National Night Out Community Safety Expo, was honored to recognize all of the first responders, organizations and volunteers

who serve The Woodlands Township,” said Township Director of Law Enforcement Services Marian Leck. “Public Safety/First-Responder Partnerships are important throughout the year, and those partnerships truly shined during Hurricane Harvey. The National Night Out Community Safety Expo was a successful celebration, with hundreds of residents attending to say thank you!”

The Township thanks the following sponsors for their generous support of the Community Safety Expo: America’s ER Medical Centers, Silver Rock Productions, H-E-B, Moonlighting Outdoor Lighting Services, Karate Inc. Of The Woodlands, Chick-Fil-A, Tiff’s Treats, Firehouse Subs, The Home Depot, Kona Ice, ADT, King’s Hawaiian, Dietz & Watson, Allstate, Natural Pawz, Memorial Hermann, AON Hewitt, and Ring Video Doorbell.

Since 1990, The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Watch has brought residents and the public safety agencies that serve The Woodlands Township together under positive circumstances. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer. For more information about National Night Out, please contact The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Watch at 281-210-3800, or visit www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/nationalnightout.



The Community Safety Expo and Hometown Salute to Harvey Heroes and Volunteers featured a special thank-you to the first responders of Hurricane Harvey, along with numerous public safety demonstrations and activities for families. The Community Safety Expo is part of the National Night Out campaign that promotes community-building and police-community partnerships.