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Oakdale Takes Third Place in National Night Out

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Oakdale, CA – The City of Oakdale is ranked third for California and twenty-fourth in the United States for this summer's National Night Out event.

The Oakdale Police Department is proud to announce our community ranked #3 in California for our festivities from National Night Out and made it into the top twenty-five cities in the nation, ranking #24 nationally (city populations between 15,000 – 50,000). This is based on the block party events from August 6th, 2019, where 6 citywide parties with approximately 5000 people in attendance were hosted throughout the city.

In September, a scrapbook of the event was submitted to the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). The scrapbook included pictures of all the parties from the night including a kickoff event at Burchell Park and the Classic Car Show. The NATW ranks the cities based on several criteria including the scrapbook, neighborhood participation, law enforcement participation and the overall campaign.

The Oakdale Police Department would like to thank all those who volunteered and attended the event. Oakdale Police Officers Janeen Yates and Regina Hernandez coordinated the police department's efforts with a team of volunteers, sponsors and Neighborhood Watch Captains that ensured its success leading to the recognition from the National Association of Town Watch for the National Night Out (NNO) festivities.

“One of the biggest factors in reducing crime and increasing the quality of life in communities is the strength of the community's partnership with its police,” said Chief Scott Heller after hearing of the ranking, “To be recognized on such a large stage like NNO says a lot about the strength of our partnerships here in Oakdale, and highlights a community and police force willing to put in the work to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in our community.”

National Night Out is an opportunity for communities nationwide to heighten crime and drug awareness, promote police and community partnerships and develop neighborhood camaraderie. National Night Out now involves over 38 million people and more than 16,000 communities from all fifty states. Oakdale Police encourage everyone to take an active role in their existing Neighborhood Watch Group or contact Kara Guevara at (209) 847-2231 to inquire as to starting up a new Neighborhood Watch Group.

