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At this point, NNO is still receiving monetary donations from the community.

"There's so much support that it just comes together each year," Gorder said. "You get support from the community, you get every first responding agency that wants to help out, you get the City of Florence and our city manager saying, 'Here's our staff, here's our presence. What

can we do to make this happen?' People just want to be involved."

Mapleton School District and the upriver communities have been invited this year, as well as Boy Scouts of America's Camp Baker.

"We just want to educate youth. That's what we do, and this is a great opportunity for those kids at that camp or in Mapleton or students in our own district," Gorder said. She added that Siuslaw School District School Resource Offi-

cer Brandon Bailey was able to use the district's automated message service to make sure every family in the district knows about NNO.

"It goes outside of just the city's bounds. We want to include everyone," she said. "Thanks to our partnerships and relationship with the community, 2018 truly went off without a hitch and 2019 will be another success."

NNO, a program of National Association of Town Watch, is an annual community-build-

ing campaign to promote law enforcement-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. This helps make neighborhoods a safer and more caring place to live. NNO enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. It provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Millions of neighbors across thousands of communities

in the United States, Canada, and military bases worldwide come together on the first Tuesday of August to celebrate taking a stand against crime by hosting evening community events. Neighborhoods hold block parties, cookouts, children's events, demonstrations and much more.

For more information, visit natw.org.

For more information about Florence's event, visit ci.florence.or.us.



Show your appreciation to law enforcement community

Police officers put their lives on the line every day they show up for work. But in spite of the sacrifices officers routinely make, their contributions often go unnoticed.

Police officers' jobs might be thankless, but that does not mean people cannot express their gratitude to the men and women in blue who keep their communities safe. The following are a handful of ways to show support for the police officers who work hard to protect and serve your community.

- Support police fundraisers. Police departments fundraisers support various causes. Some might aim to raise funds for sports programs designed to help local youth, while others might hope to raise money for the families of fallen officers. Whatever the motivation for the fundraiser, by supporting the event you are donating to a good cause and showing the police they and their efforts are being supported.
- Teach kids to respect police officers. Police officers have come under

considerable scrutiny in recent years, and youngsters may not know how to respond to news stories that do not paint police officers in a positive light. Parents can show their support for police officers by teaching their kids to respect police. Encourage children to come to you if they read or hear stories so you can help them process the news and think critically.

- Obey the law. One of the best ways to show respect for law enforcement officers is to obey the law. Should you be called out for an infraction, treat the officer or agent politely and comply with his or her requests.

- Share a positive story. Use social media or your networking connections to share a story of how law enforcement helped you or did something worth noting.

- Pick up a police officer's tab. Police officers work in your community and, therefore, they likely break bread in your community as well. When you see police officers ordering meals at a local restaurant or sitting down to

lunch at a neighborhood diner, offer to pay for their meals or arrange payment with their waiter or waitress without letting the police officers know. However, keep in mind that some departments may not allow their officers to accept these gestures, so always ask first.

- Thank a police officer when given the opportunity. Though it seems simple, saying "Thank you" to police officers can reassure them that the communities they work so hard to protect support and appreciate their efforts. Thanking police officers may only take a few seconds, but such a gesture can help police officers better cope with the stress of their jobs.

Police officers have difficult jobs that require them to make considerable sacrifices to protect the communities where they work. But it doesn't take much to show your support for local police officers and express your gratitude for the sacrifices they make every day.

— Metro Creative Connection

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2019

6 to 9 p.m.

Miller Park, 1651 18th St.

Community members of all ages are welcome to join the Florence Police Department for National Night Out at Miller Park. Check out this map, full of exciting activities and detailing locations, to find out where to go.

*Additional parking will be available at the Siuslaw School District on Oak Street.

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