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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **National Night Out community party set for Austin Landing**

*Miami Township's award winning program enters its 24<sup>th</sup> year*

The Miami Township Police Department will hold its 24<sup>th</sup> National Night Out celebration Tuesday, August 1, 2017, from 6 - 10 p.m. This year's community party will be held for the first time in the park at Austin Landing, 10050 Innovation Way.

"This year's event promises to be bigger and better than ever," Capt. John Magill said. "There will be more community displays for our residents to see and our theme this year is the dangers of distracted driving."

Guests can experience firsthand how distracted driving affects them by trying a U.S. Army simulator and Miami Twp. police will have a damaged cruiser on display that was recently struck by another car.

Several community partners will be joining township trustees, police officers, firefighters and public works employees at the party. They include the Dayton Metro Library, Montgomery County Health Department, American Red Cross, Animal Resource Center, Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office, Ohio State Highway Patrol, the Dayton Police Department's Honor Guard and SWAT, and the Drug Free Coalition. There will be plenty of music, food and fun. Skyline Chili will serve free hotdogs and Grandpa Joe's Candy Store will be on hand.

The community party will coincide with more than a dozen neighborhood National Night Out events throughout the township. Township block parties are scheduled from 6 – 8 p.m. Party hosts are planning everything from the traditional display of porch lights to cookouts, games and visits from police and fire personnel.

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National Night Out is a nationwide crime prevention initiative entering its 34<sup>th</sup> year. It promotes crime and drug prevention, police-community partnerships, and participation in local anti-crime programs. The Miami Township Police Department's National Night Out program was named as one of the top five programs for a community of its size. For more information, contact Sgt. Jay Phares at (937) 433-2419.

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