

National Night Out 2012

Award Competition Information

NNO Street Sign Award

Award Guidelines: Local Competition:

We would like to encourage each of you to participate this year in our Local National Night Out (NNO) Awards Competition. This is an opportunity to submit an entry for competition against other parties in your Category within your Council District.

Category I:	Neighborhood (i.e.: Neighborhood Associations, Neighborhood groups, individual block parties)
Category II:	Apartment (Apartment complex, Townhomes, Condominiums)
Category III:	Other (Community Centers, Museums, Businesses, Schools, etc.)



To participate in our Local National Night Out (NNO) Awards Competition.

Your entry **must** include a completed “Awards Application” form. Each NNO party sends in their entry to compete for the NNO Street Sign Award, which can be posted at the entrance of your neighborhood. Past entries have included the following items:

- Tri-fold project display boards,
- Photo albums,
- Scrapbooks,
- Videos,
- Hand painted banners,
- Poster Boards
- Display mats
- And some neighborhoods have entered all of the above.

We ask that all entries be clearly labeled as to which items belong to each respective group. Be creative and have fun! We look forward to seeing you participate this year!

Deadline for Entries:

All entries *must* be received by the close of business, **4:30 p.m., on Tuesday, October 30th.** Entries may be hand delivered to the Volunteers In Policing (VIP) office at 555 Academic Court, Suite 200. Or mailed to **The NNO Team, Volunteers In Policing, San Antonio Police Department, PO Box 839948, San Antonio, Texas 78283.**

Special Request for the National Level Scrapbook we have to submit:

The City of San Antonio also competes at the National level. We are shooting for the number one slot this year and we need your help by asking you to provide photo's in order to create our NNO 2012 National Competition Scrapbook. Here is how you can help.

- 1) Please provide us a **set of any photographs** taken at your event at your earliest possible date, the earlier the better, as we have a deadline to meet also.
- 2) Include any set **of flyers, newspaper clippings, and/or newsletters** advertising your event. Color copies are great!
- 3) Include a **set of any handout(s) or give-away(s)** (which includes pencils, stickers, key chains, etc.)

Judging, Notification and Awards Reception:

- The Greater San Antonio Crime Prevention Commission will judge all entries.
- Entries will be judged on Presentation, Originality and Content of our Theme “join our FFAN club” Make fans to display and use during the event.
- Winners will be chosen from **three category's** in each Council District: *Neighborhood Block Parties, Apartments, and Community Groups/ Businesses from respective area substations*

Winners will be notified of the time, date, and location of the Awards Ceremony. Attendees of the ceremony include The Mayor, Chief of Police, and City Council members. Your entries will be on display at the Ceremony and you may take them home following the presentation of the awards.

Planning – Advanced planning helps to ensure success. So please start as soon as possible.

Involvement – Contact the SAPD, San Antonio Fear Free Environment (SAFFE) Sergeants, and the Patrol Units at your local substations for officer participation. Also contact your area Fire Station by mail for participation. **Please note: The NNO office will NOT schedule these visits for you.** We only provide a list of registered parties to Police Chiefs and City council members.

Media – Notify the media of what your neighborhood is doing (TV, Newspaper, and Radio Stations.) Provide them with a concise thumbnail sketch of what it is you are doing. Write an article for publication and include it with your entry. Obtain newspaper clippings, newsletter articles or flyers of what you are doing.

Lights –Promote the proper use and energy efficient way of using security lighting. Talk with your Crime Prevention Officer or SAFFE Officer who has been “Crime Prevention Certified,” or contact CPSB for security

lighting concerns. Have a lighting display as part of your party/event and make it informational as well as festive.

Summary Report – Though it is not a requirement, by providing a written summary of your neighborhood party/event it will help explain what took place and provides the finishing touch to a well-planned party/event.

Photos/Scrapbook – “A picture is worth a thousand words,” supply a pictorial essay of what took place in your neighborhood block party/event. Do not forget to add captions to the pictorial essay briefly describing what took place. Otherwise a picture alone might be mistaken for some other event. Send actual color prints, not color copies. SPECIAL REQUEST: If submitting photos for local competition please include a 2nd set of photos so NNO Staff may use them for the National Competition Scrapbook.

Videotape – Videotape your event capturing the sequence of events that occurred and the essence of the moment. Use Super 8, ½ inch VHS tapes, or DVD’s. Please label each tape and provide a log with the taped coverage of your party/event.

Judging – All block and neighborhood association parties will be evaluated equally. Single block parties will be weighed equally against neighborhood parties.