

# Texans Against Crime™ (T.A.C.™)

## *Program Information/History*

The T.A.C.™ program promotes neighborhood alliances to strengthen our communities and preserve the quality of life in East Texas. Through T.A.C.™, we can strengthen our communities by helping to educate our families, friends and neighbors on crime prevention. At the Tyler Police Department, we are proud to support programs that improve the quality of life where we work and live. T.A.C.™ celebrations are being held throughout East Texas on the second Tuesday in October; this year's T.A.C.™ celebrations will be held on Tuesday, October 11th.

The T.A.C.™ program helps local governmental agencies inform residents that communities are safer when neighbors work together. Getting to know your neighbors is an important step in guaranteeing safety in your communities, so neighborhoods are encouraged to host "block parties" – turn on your lights and gather outside with your neighbors.

## *Party Ideas*

### **SIMPLE REFRESHMENTS**

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| * Watermelon   | * Potluck               | * Lemonade         |
| * Cookies      | * Coffee, Tea & Dessert | * Ice Cream        |
| * Make sundaes | * Pretzels & Chips      | * Fruit and cheese |
| * Pizza        | * Hamburgers            | * Hot dogs         |
| * Chicken      | * Corn on the cob       | * Salads           |
| * Soda         | * Iced tea              | * Punch            |

### **GROUP CONVERSATIONS / MIXERS**

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| * Block history stories | * Photos from past block parties and NNO events |
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### **ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH**

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| * Bike parade   | * Board games      | * Skits                          |
| * Make a banner | * Coloring contest | * Pony rides                     |
| * 3-legged race | * Magic show       | * Pinata                         |
| * Roller blade  | * Sack races       | * Frisbee                        |
| * Jump rope     | * Chalk art        | * Face painting                  |
| * Bubbles       | * Clowns           | * Youth parade with a theme      |
| * Sing-along    | * Water balloons   | * Football, baseball, basketball |

### **ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES**

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| * Block party          | * Cookout           | * Parade                     |
| * Jump rope contest    | * Hula Hoop contest | * Swim Party                 |
| * Street dance         | * Volleyball        | * Storytelling               |
| * Scavenger hunt       | * Karaoke           | * Dunk tank                  |
| * Funniest hat contest | * Horseshoes        | * Self-defense demonstration |

### **CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY**

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| * Collect for a food bank                                 | * Beautify a common area         |
| * Plan a fall clean-up or bulb planting                   | * Pick up litter in neighborhood |
| * Distribute neighborhood block list, phone numbers, etc. |                                  |

## **T.A.C.™ PROGRAM HOURS**

Your T.A.C.™ celebration should be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2011. Officer Visitations will be conducted between 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM.

## **OFFICER-VISITATIONS**

Officers from the Tyler Police Department will schedule time to visit with residents at each T.A.C.™ celebration location. In order to accomplish this, the Police Department must receive a registration form from every celebration site no later than October 4, 2011.

If the location or time of your T.A.C.™ celebration changes, please notify the Police Department as soon as possible by calling (903) 531-1096. Changes in celebration time made after October 4<sup>th</sup> may result in that celebration location not being visited. Regardless of the weather, officer visitations will be made.

Although TPD Officers look forward to visiting each of the T.A.C.™ celebration locations, it is important to remember that their primary responsibility is emergency response. Due to this, Officers may be called away from a celebration or, in some cases, miss it entirely. If the Officer(s) scheduled to visit a particular celebration cannot attend it, other Officers will TRY to fill-in.

**Remember that the deadline for registering your celebration and getting on the Officer-Visitation list is October 4, 2011.**

## **T.A.C.™ CELEBRATION REGISTRATION FORMS**

T.A.C.™ Celebration Registration Forms will be used only for scheduling Officer-Visitations. Requests for barricades will also be noted on the forms.

Neighborhood Block Captains will receive by mail, no later than the middle of August. Registration forms may also be requested by calling the Tyler Police Department Community Response Unit at (903) 531-1096 or visiting the TPD website at: [www.tylerpolice.com](http://www.tylerpolice.com) and by clicking the CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS link

## **T.A.C.™**

**“Texans Against Crime™”**

An annual event designed to unite neighbors and communities to encourage neighborhood communication, community involvement and crime prevention in order to create safer neighborhoods.



## **T.A.C.™ Celebration 2011 Tuesday, October 11th 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.**

For celebration packets and ideas, or to register your T.A.C. celebration online, visit the Tyler Police Department's T.A.C.™ Program webpage at: [www.tylerpolice.com](http://www.tylerpolice.com) and click on the CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS link for information or the ONLINE SERVICES link for registration.

