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Sheriff Response to NNO Criticism from other Elected Officials

Milwaukee, WI – Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. issued the following statement in response to a media inquiry regarding local elected officials questioning his National Night Out (NNO) appearances:

Shame on the media for falling for this political stunt.

Even National Night Out (NNO) week cannot escape being politicized by Tom Barrett, Chris Abele and Chief Ed Flynn.

While Milwaukee is ablaze in crime and violence, Mayor Barrett distracts from that, choosing to spend his time playing political games instead of coming up with a plan to:

- 1. Help people escape poverty**
- 2. Put people back to work**
- 3. Fix a broken K-12 public school system**
- 4. Reduce crime and violence**

I am the sheriff of an entire county. Just about every municipality has a NNO event, with Milwaukee holding dozens. I can do a lot, but have not yet perfected a way of being in two places at one time. Yesterday, when these politicians staged a political stunt, I was at the Kozy Park National Night Out on Milwaukee's south side, and then went to Oak Creek for their event. I did not see Abele in Oak Creek. I left Oak Creek at 8:30 p.m.

I have up to two/three NNO events scheduled each night. The events that I cannot attend, we supply agency presence and participation with resources. Other staff members are also expected to attend, not just me.

Here is the list of the events I am attending or have attended. I would like the media to ask for Abele's and Barrett's scheduled events. Maybe we'll run into each other.

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Sheriff Clarke has attended or is confirmed to date to attend the following NNOs:

- July 21 – West Allis**
- August 4 – Franklin**
- August 5 – Oak Creek**
- August 5 – Kozy Park in Milwaukee**
- August 6 – St. Francis**
- August 7 – Cudahy**

In addition, MCSO resources (such as K-9, Mounted Unit, Drug Forfeiture Vehicle, Bomb Squad or Motorcycle Unit) and staff were sent or will be going to:

All of the events attended by the sheriff above, plus:

- July 29 – Brown Deer**
- August 5 - Glendale**
- August 5 – MPD District 3**
- August 6 – MPD District 4**
- August 7 – Ohio Park**
- August 7 – Kopps Park**
- August 13 – Shorewood Village Center**
- August 15 – West Milwaukee PD**
- August 20 – South Milwaukee PD**



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