

# National Night Out helps create community at Mutual Housing California

**Joe Michaels, Anchor:** Tonight, millions of Americans are gathering with their neighborhoods to fight crime by getting to know their neighbors on National Night Out.

More than 60 events are happening around Sacramento at places like Mutual Housing at Norwood in Natomas.

We're talking to Anne Marie Flynn, Mutual Housing California's Community Development Officer, about it.

**Anne Marie Flynn, Mutual Housing community development officer:** One of our primary goals is that the residents who live here come to know each other, respect each other and get together to build community.



Police, fire and patrol officers have been invited, so that the residents and children can have a friendly encounter and a chance to see that this is someone in our community that is a positive force and not someone to be afraid of.

Our intention is to foster a positive relationship with our police, sheriff and fire departments so that we can work together to enhance the safety of our communities.

At National Night Out, Sacramento city and county sheriff's deputies, police and probation officers talked to residents Cherrae Rushton and her daughter Laila Griffin.  
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Founded in 1988, Mutual Housing California develops sustainable housing that is affordable to a diversity of households. Our housing builds strong and stable communities through resident participation and leadership development. For more information, call (916) 453-8400 or visit our website at [www.mutualhousing.com](http://www.mutualhousing.com).