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## **American Fork Police Department Holds National Night Out on Aug. 31**

On the first year participating in National Night Out, City opts for later-than-usual date

AMERICAN FORK, UTAH – On Wednesday, Aug. 31 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., American Fork will hold its first annual National Night Out, an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.

In most places, the event is held on the same night: the first Tuesday in August. According to American Fork Police Chief Darren Falslev, the date change for American Fork wasn't an oversight; it was just a matter of logistics.

Falslev was appointed to be Chief of Police in July, and he said that even though he had a quick turnaround time, the department didn't want to pass up an opportunity to meet residents, provide educational materials and information, and solicit feedback.

"American Fork has been early on-the-take with a lot of things: implementing body-worn cameras, improving with response training ... So we think the community will understand our being late adopters on this one," Falslev quipped.

Falslev said they will hold the 'Night Out' on the same night as the City's regularly scheduled Farmer's Market and Food Truck rally at Robinson Park (88 E. Main St.) to capture a bigger group.

He added that next year the City will hold the event on the "designated" National Night Out date, but regardless the actual date, he hoped families would come to learn and to participate in this interactive, educational event.

Some of the things residents can look forward to are listed below. For additional information, visit [www.afcity.net](http://www.afcity.net) or follow the City on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram.

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**EVENT OVERVIEW AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**WHAT:** American Fork Police Department National Night Out/Weekly Happy Valley Farmers Market and Food Truck Rally

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Aug. 31, 7 to 9 p.m.

**WHERE:** Robinson Park, 100 E. Main St., American Fork

**5 to 9 p.m., ongoing**

Happy Valley Farmers Market & Food Truck Rally

**7 to 9 p.m., ongoing**

- Utah High Patrol Seatbelt crash car simulation
- UTA Segway demonstrations
- Bike Rodeo (Kids can bring in the bikes, have them registered and licensed, and pedal through a safety bike course).
- 'Drunk Goggles' simulate alcohol impairs driving and judgment
- Metal detector activity
- Police car rides

**7:30 p.m.** American Fork High School Band Drum Line performance

**8 p.m.** Moto Squad Demo

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**Additional booths, information and services include the following:**

- Incident Command Vehicle tours
- Police Vehicles on display
- Victims Advocate information
- SWAT
- Dive Team
- RAD for Women/RadKids
- Child Fingerprint Kits
- Gun locks/gun safety information
- Neighborhood Watch
- Citizen's Academy
- Animal Control/Code Enforcement
- American Fork Fire Department
- Mayor/City Council meet and greet
- Community Survey opportunity re: Community Policing

***About American Fork:*** *The City of American Fork serves a population of 28,000 residents, and it also provides contracted police services to the 10,000 residents of Cedar Hills. The AFPD is made up of 35 sworn officers and seven civilian employees.*

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