



CRYSTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Crystal resident,

This evening over 75 Night to Unite events are being held throughout the City of Crystal. This statewide event builds and fosters community bonds between citizens, businesses and public safety organizations. In an effort to enhance this effort, the Crystal Police Department is partnering with the social networking program Nextdoor.com. Like Night to Unite, the Nextdoor program uses the power of technology to connect neighbors through the social network concept, bringing the community together and building safer neighborhoods. The Nextdoor program's mission is to bring a greater sense of community to a neighborhood.

The Crystal Police Department has coordinated the launch of the Nextdoor Program in conjunction with Night to Unite. The theme of this kick-off event is **"Neighbors who know each other, look out for each other."** The goal of the program is to extend the sense of community that Night to Unite offers throughout the year by designing a social network for each neighborhood. This program is specifically designed to provide a trusted environment for neighbor to neighbor communication.

A 2010 research study disclosed that "29% of Americans know only a few of their neighbors and 28% know none of their neighbors by name."

Through the Nextdoor program, our crime prevention officer will partner with residents like yourself by sharing information and providing crime statistics, local crime information and safety updates. Neighborhood crimes such as burglary, vandalism and damage to property are often reported by alert neighbors who are able to recognize suspicious activity in part because they have an awareness of who their neighbors are. This initiative will assist our residents in connecting and looking out for each other."

If you are interested in partnering with us on this new initiative, please go to the Nextdoor.com website to enroll. Attached to this letter is additional information on the program and how to enroll. In addition, if you have questions or need assistance in the enrollment process, please contact Community Liason Officer Sean Kwiatkowski at 763-531-1094.

Thank you for participating in the events of this evening. I look forward to continuing our work together in making the City of Crystal a safe place to live, work and raise a family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephanie Revering".

Stephanie Revering
Chief of Police

"Service with Compassion and Integrity"