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MEDIA RELEASE

Branson Mayor Hosts Free “Meet the Chiefs” Event to Launch Community’s 1st Annual ‘National Night Out’ Celebration

Branson, MO – City of Branson Mayor Karen Best invites the community to celebrate the proclamation of **Branson’s 1st Annual National Night Out event to be held at the Branson RecPlex on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 from 4:00-7:00PM.** This event is a nationwide effort to strengthen ties between community members, businesses and law enforcement and fire & rescue personnel who serve to maintain safety in our neighborhoods across the Ozark Mountain region. Since its inception in 1984, National Night Out has worked to make neighborhoods safer by partnering public safety personnel with community members, reporting more than 38 million people participating in National Night Out events across the country last year according to the National Association of Town Watch.

The Branson Police Department and Branson Fire Department will host this evening of family fun and entertainment with collaboration from the Taney County Sheriff’s Department, Missouri State Highway Patrol, and others, public safety personnel will connect with community members to promote safer neighborhoods, elevate awareness of anti-crime and drug prevention programs, and share educational materials about fire prevention, crime prevention and child safety tips.

The public is invited to **meet City of Branson’s new Chief of Police Stan Dobbins and Branson Fire Chief Ted Martin** along with police and fire personnel committed to maintaining safety in the Branson area. Community members may have their photos taken with City of Branson Mayor and Aldermen, Chief Dobbins and Chief Martin, as well as Branson’s new K-9 officer TYGO. Kids will explore police, fire and emergency vehicles, learn fire safety tips, talk to firefighters and police officers about careers in public safety, and see the work of TYGO – the police dog everyone has come to love. Individuals can obtain child I.D. kits, smoke detectors and visit with police and firefighters to express appreciation for their dedicated work to maintain safety in the region. Additionally, City of Branson Aldermen will be available to discuss City of Branson programs available to the public including parks, recreation, recycling and neighborhood improvement grant programs.

“It is so important to connect our community and show appreciation for all that our police and firefighters do to protect us and our children every day in Branson, especially considering all that is going on across the country with police shootings in Dallas, Baton Rouge, Charlotte and others. And the work of our firefighters to respond and educate the community is worthy of praise as well,” says City of Branson Mayor Karen Best. “I am honored to formalize October 4 as Branson’s official date of the annual National Night Out event and I look forward to connecting with members of this wonderful city of Branson.”

Events will begin at the Branson RecPlex at 4:00PM on Tuesday, October 4 with concessions and family fun activities ending approximately 7:00PM.

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