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Capitol Police go daytime for 'National Night Out'

RICHMOND -- The Capitol Square community and all Richmond neighbors are invited to join the Division of Capitol Police for the agency's annual early bird celebration of National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 6.

The event is designed to strengthen the partnership between law enforcement and stakeholders in fighting crime. Nationally, it has become standard for agencies to hold cookouts or other community gatherings in the evening hours, but Capitol Police -- in large part because the community served by the division is largely at Capitol Square during the daylight hours -- opt for a lunchtime gathering.

"It's something we look forward to every year," said Col. Anthony S. Pike, the Capitol Police chief. "It's an opportunity for everyone to get together in a relaxed setting, but it still gives us a chance to reinforce our message of serving our community and doing everything we can to make it safer."

The Capitol Police event will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in and around the Bell Tower, a shaded grove in the southwest corner of Capitol Square.

Highlights include interactive displays geared toward crime prevention and law enforcement, K-9s, horses, snakes, giveaways, cool refreshments and a special musical guest. Hint: Word is Capitol Police have some amazing musical talent on the force.

"Our Capitol Square stakeholders represent a unique community dedicated to serving others," Pike said, "and this is an excellent way for us to reach out to them to help make their environment a better place to work and live."

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