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Saint Paul Earns Top Honor for National Night Out Participation

Mayor Coleman Says Honor Reflects Residents' Civic Pride

SAINT PAUL, MN -- The organization that promotes National Night Out ranked Saint Paul the top city in the nation this year for its National Night Out gatherings.

Saint Paul received the Target National Night Out Award from the National Association of Town Watch for communities with a population between 300,000 and 100,000. Criteria for the award include neighborhood participation, law enforcement involvement, and the quality of the programming, among others.

"Saint Paul's strength as a city comes from its neighborhoods and residents who take pride in where they live. In the events that I visited this year during National Night Out, I could see that sense of civic pride on many of our residential streets," Mayor Coleman said. "This award is a wonderful recognition of all that our residents do to create a positive community for our children and families, and it demonstrates that we are the Most Livable City in America."

"The police department puts resources into many programs to improve the lives of our residents. National Night Out provides the most fun and for so many people at once," Police Chief John Harrington said. "Everyday the officers work to know the people who we serve, but the block parties and activities during National Night Out give us a festive atmosphere in which to meet and interact with children and families and create a real sense of partnership with the department."

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