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Military installation to hold safety-focused National Night Out event

NEW CUMBERLAND, PA (July 30, 2008) - The work force and resident families from the Defense Distribution Center installation will participate in the annual National Night Out event Aug. 5, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This event coordinated by installation personnel for five years running is funded by local business sponsors. More than 300 people are expected to attend.

The safety-focused event is designed for installation employees, residents, and their families to enjoy a free, fun night out together. Activities begin at 5:00 with a welcome by the event's host, Navy Capt. Jim Naber, commanding officer of Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pa. Activities include a karate demonstration, magic show, tricycle races, watermelon-eating contest, and a free raffle drawing.

Special attractions include the Pennsylvania State Police helicopter, the State Police Bomb Squad robot, and the pace car from the Pocono Raceway. Safety-related activities such as rides in emergency vehicles, child finger printing, and drunk driving simulations for adults will also be available.

The non-profit National Association of Town Watch sponsors the National Night Out program which has been held on the first Tuesday of August since 1984. The event has been successful in promoting involvement in crime and drug prevention activities, strengthening police-community relations, and encouraging neighborhood camaraderie as part of the fight for safer streets. DDSP has won the association's Military Award each year since 2005.

The Defense Distribution Center installation in New Cumberland, Pa., is home to dozens of military organizations including the Defense Distribution Center headquarters as well as Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pa. – the largest Defense Department distribution facility. It is also home to hundreds of residents including families of active duty military members. The Defense Distribution Center installation was formerly known as the Defense Distribution Region East (DDRE) and the New Cumberland Army Depot.

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Media wishing to attend the event should contact Sherre Mitten-Bell at 717-770-7582 to coordinate access to the installation.