



**Bridgewater, NJ-** The Somerset Patriots, along with their partners Van Heusen, Bridgewater Township Police Department and Bridgewater Township Mayor Dan Hayes, will host Bridgewater National Night Out at TD Bank Ballpark on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The event begins at 5:00 pm and will run through that night's 7:05 pm game between the Somerset Patriots and the Long Island Ducks. The first 1,500 fans will receive a Mini-Bat presented by event sponsor, Van Heusen.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live.

There will be activities outside the ballpark before the start of the game including live music, inflatables, games, and much more.

“National Night out will provide our residents with a great opportunity to build and enhance our community partnership and assist in reducing crime in our community,” said Bridgewater Township Police Chief Manuel Caravela. “The Bridgewater Police Department’s foremost goal is to continue to make Bridgewater Township one of the safest communities in the State.”

Since 1983 National Night Out has been designed to heighten crime and drug prevention, generate support and participation in crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations, and let criminals know that our neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

The National Night Out program culminates annually on the first Tuesday of August. Neighbors participate across thousands of communities from all 50 states, United States territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide.

“We are excited to partner with Bridgewater Township and Van Heusen to bring this special event to our ballpark. National Night Out has a great message, similar to that of the Somerset Patriots, to bring the community together for safe, clean, family fun. There will be a lot of activities for participants to enjoy leading up to and during our game that night,” said Somerset Patriots President/General Manager Patrick McVerry.

Participants for Bridgewater National Night Out already include Van Heusen, Bridgewater Police Department, NJSP NorthSTAR, Finderne Fire and EMS, Country Hills Fire, North Branch Fire, Green Knoll EMS, Bradley Gardens EMS, Martinsville EMS, Somerset County Pipe and Drums, and New Jersey Transit Police Department.

The pre-game ceremonies beginning around 6:30 pm, will include a special welcome from Mayor Hayes, the Bridgewater Police Department Honor Guard, a NJSP North Star helicopter fly over, and a performance by Evolution Training Center.

The Bridgewater PBA will have their Community Trailer on site as well as Bridgewater Fire Safety Smoke Trailer.

The Somerset Patriots have partnership opportunities now available for Bridgewater-based businesses and organizations to be a part of the event.

“National Night Out is an event in which our residents and Police Officers will have an opportunity to get better acquainted with each other and strengthen our neighborhood spirit,” Caravela added.

For more information about Bridgewater National Night Out with the Somerset Patriots, please call (908) 252-0700 or visit [www.somersetpatriots.com](http://www.somersetpatriots.com)

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