Orange County Sheriff’s Department Partners with Nextdoor, the Private Social Network for Neighborhoods

Partnership Will Enable Sheriff’s Department to Communicate with Residents

Orange County, CA (August 4, 2015) - The Orange County Sheriff’s Department announced today, on America’s National Night Out, a partnership with Nextdoor (www.nextdoor.com), the private social network for neighborhoods, to build stronger, safer communities with the help of residents.

This partnership with Nextdoor will enable the Orange County Sheriff’s Department to facilitate virtual neighborhood watch and share important safety updates, emergency notifications, news, services and programs with Orange County residents within their patrol jurisdiction. Residents and Sheriff staff will be able to work together to improve safety and strengthen neighborhood watch efforts.

“We have always invested in innovative ways to increase safety for our residents,” said Sheriff-Coroner Sandra Hutchens. “With Nextdoor, we can help empower neighbors to keep their communities safe and connected and give them the ability to collaborate on virtual neighborhood watch efforts. We look forward to fostering relationships and continuing conversations with residents not just on National Night out, a night dedicated to crime prevention activities and neighborhood camaraderie, but all year round.”

Nextdoor has proven to be an essential and well-adopted tool for Orange County residents. Already, 337 Orange County neighborhoods, representing 77% of the county, have launched Nextdoor websites.

With Nextdoor, Orange County residents can join private neighborhood websites to share information, including neighborhood public safety issues, community events and activities, local services, and even lost pets. The Orange County Sheriff’s Department will be able to post information, such as safety tips and crime alerts, to Nextdoor websites within their patrol jurisdiction.

Nextdoor is free for residents and the Sheriff's Department. Each Orange County neighborhood has its own private Nextdoor neighborhood website, accessible only to residents who verify that they live in the neighborhood. Neighborhoods establish and self-manage their own Nextdoor websites and the Sheriff’s Department will not be able to access residents’ websites, contact information, or content. Information shared on Nextdoor is password protected and cannot be accessed by search engines.

Those interested in joining their neighborhood’s Nextdoor website can visit www.nextdoor.com and enter their address. If residents have questions about their Nextdoor website, please visit help.nextdoor.com.

Representatives from OCSD are available for interviews today, August 4, from 10am-2pm. Contact Carrie Braun: 714-552-5795.

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