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## 2022 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AND RED RIBBON PARADE "Celebrate Life. Live Drug Free."

10/12/2022...San Clemente, California...Join the City in celebrating healthy choices, being drug-free, and community safety! The City of San Clemente annual Red Ribbon Week Parade & National Night Out event will take place on October 24, 2022, 4 – 7 p.m. at the San Clemente Community Center located at 100 N. Calle Seville.

This free community event combines the national campaign for Red Ribbon Week and the renowned National Night Out. The event will kick off with the annual Red Ribbon Parade and will feature the San Clemente High School Marching Alliance, Cheer and Dance teams, San Clemente elementary and middle schools, members of the San Clemente City Council, OC Sheriff's Department, OC Fire Authority, and the Fun on the Run Truck. Spectators are welcome to cheer on the parade from the sidewalks along Del Mar.

The parade will conclude at the Community Center grounds and lead into the Red Ribbon Pep Rally and National Night Out, which is intended to bring awareness of safety resources and celebrate public safety. We invite you to join us in this event and take this opportunity to engage with your local San Clemente deputies, members of the Orange County Fire Authority, San Clemente Marine Safety officials, San Clemente State Park officials, and local safety-based community groups.

National Night Out expo promises to be fun for the whole family with demonstrations from the Orange County Fire Authority and multiple departments from the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

Students, teachers, parents, San Clemente City Council, Orange County Sheriff's Department, Orange County Fire Authority, and civic groups will be doing their part to show their support by hanging red ribbons around town and participating in the community safety event. Local schools will be showing their commitment to a healthy drug-free lifestyle by participating in the Red Ribbon Parade, wearing red, and spreading the word all week long.

**Event Timeline:** 

- The community safety booths and event exhibit will be available at the Community Center from 4 pm – 7 pm.
- The first 500 participants will receive a free Chick-Fil-A sandwich and/or a free Kona Ice beginning at 4 pm at the event exhibit on the Community Center Lawn.
- The Red Ribbon Parade will be kicked off promptly at 4:15 pm at the top of Del Mar.
- The presentation of the flag, keynote speaker, pep rally, demonstrations, and a live band will go from 4:40 pm until 7 pm on the stage area at the Community Center.

## Traffic will be impacted on October 24, 2022 in the following areas and times:

- Avenida Del Mar (100 & 200 Blocks) will be inaccessible 4 4:30 pm. Cars will not be towed, but will be unable to exit until the parade has concluded.
- Avenida Del Mar (Library to North Calle Seville) will be closed until 7 pm. Parking is prohibited on this portion of the street and vehicular access will be limited.
- San Clemente Police Services will be present to support the enforcement of a safe and successful event.

San Clemente is proud to promote the Red Ribbon Week theme "Celebrate Life. Live Drug-Free." and takes a stand against drug abuse. Thank you to our sponsors for the Red Ribbon Parade and National Night Out including the Friends of San Clemente Beaches, Parks, and Recreation Foundation, Kona Ice – San Clemente, and Chick-Fil-A – San Clemente.