

The Texarkana Texas Police Department and the Texarkana Arkansas Police Departments have canceled their annual national Night Out event scheduled for October.

"In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have made the decision to cancel this year's traditional National Night Out activities in Texarkana, Texas," said a post on the TTPD's Facebook page. "We know that a lot of people look forward to this opportunity to meet our officers and fellowship with their neighbors each year, but recognize that this was the responsible thing for us to do. We hope to be able to continue this annual event in October 2021,"

TAPD Spokeswoman Kristi Bennett also confirmed that Texarkana Arkansas Police Department's Night Out has also been cancelled.

In Texarkana, National Night Out is typically held on the first Tuesday in October.

Texas changed the event to October from August several years ago to beat the heat. Texarkana, Arkansas, changed its event to October also to coordinate with Texarkana, Texas.

During the national event, community members are encouraged to host block parties in their neighborhoods and get to know their neighbors, along with local law enforcement, firefighters and city officials.