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D.A. BROWN TO RECEIVE POLICE OFFICER CHARLES A. DAVIS AWARD
AS PART OF ANNUAL "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME"

Will Also Tour Various Queens County's Police Precincts

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown has been chosen to receive the 2007 Police Officer Charles A. Davis Award for Outstanding Community Service. The award will be presented to District Attorney Brown tonight at Jamaica's Rufus King Park during the 103rd Precinct's community gathering for "National Night Out Against Crime."

Officer Davis, a 12-year veteran of the New York City Police Department assigned to the 103rd Precinct, was murdered on December 21, 1996, by a gang of robbers as he worked off-duty as a guard at Astoria Boulevard Check Cashing in East Elmhurst. The store's owner, Ira Epstein, was also killed. Since 1997, the Davis Award has been presented annually to an individual who best emulates the slain officer's commitment and dedication to the community, empathy for youth and his respect and tolerance for individual differences.

District Attorney Brown said, "As honored as I am to receive this award, it pales in comparison to the sacrifice that Officer Davis made to protect and serve the people of Queens County. It is fitting indeed that on this night as we gather outdoors in a display of solidarity and reclaim the streets from criminal elements that we also remember Officer Davis who did so much good for the community – and particularly its young people."

The 103rd Precinct commanded by Deputy Inspector Michael Blake will celebrate at Rufus King Park at 89th Avenue and 153rd Street in Jamaica beginning at 6:00 p.m. The precinct's Police Officer Charles A. Davis Award will be presented to District Attorney Brown prior to a candlelight vigil that will begin at 9:00 p.m.

In addition to attending the 103rd Precinct's event, District Attorney will tour the 107th and 112th police precincts in Queens County tonight to highlight the annual "National Night Out Against Crime." The special anti-crime event, now in its 24th year, is being observed across New York City and in Queens County with a full schedule of events ranging from crime prevention lectures to youth activities, which are designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for local anti-crime efforts and strengthen ties between the police and the community.

District Attorney Brown said, "'National Night Out Against Crime' was established during the height of New York City's violent street crime epidemic as a way for citizens to symbolically

reclaim their streets. Now, as the crime rate continues to plummet, National Night Out remains an important reminder of the need to remain vigilant in the fight for public safety. It is a wonderful opportunity for Queens County residents to meet with police officers and law enforcement officials who protect their neighborhoods and who are largely responsible for the sharp reduction in violent crime and the significant improvement in the quality of life.”

The 107th Precinct commanded by Captain Stephen Cirabisi will host several local speakers and officials beginning at 7:45 p.m. There will be an anti-crime candlelight block walk at 8:45 p.m., which will commence at the Electchester Shopping Center parking lot at Parsons Boulevard and Jewel Avenue. Among the activities planned are a BBQ, face-painting, free flashlights for children and a blood drive by New York Hospital Queens.

The 112th Precinct commanded by Captain Richard F. Napolitano will feature free music, food, clowns and other activities for children. The celebration will take place at McDonald Park at Yellowstone Boulevard and Queens Boulevard.

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Below is District Attorney Brown’s public schedule for National Night Out Against Crime (Tuesday, August 7, 2007):

7:15pm 112th Precinct
Place: McDonald Park: Yellowstone Boulevard and Queens Boulevard.

7:45pm 107th Precinct
Place: Electchester Shopping Center Parking Lot, Parsons Boulevard and Jewel Avenue.

8:15pm 103rd Precinct
Place: Rufus King Park, across from Mary Immaculate Hospital on Jamaica Avenue and 89th Avenue and 153rd Street, Jamaica.

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