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**National Night Out and “Totally Turtles” to Highlight  
Thursday Night on the Square;  
Historic 9/11 FDNY Rescue 5 Fire Truck to Be On Display**

PALMDALE – Public safety, 9/11 history and turtle fun take center stage at the City of Palmdale’s Thursday Night on the Square (TNOTS) event this Thursday, July 31, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at Poncitlán Square (9th St. East between Ave. Q-9 & Ave. Q-10).

The City’s neighborhood services department will host its annual National Night Out, a special public safety event that features a variety of crime prevention and safety-related activities. On display will be vehicles from the Los Angeles County Sheriff and Fire Departments, Animal Care and Control, California Highway Patrol and AV CERT. Representatives from these agencies, the City’s Neighborhood Services Department and others, will be available to answer questions and share information.

Also on display will be the historic FDNY Rescue 5 Fire Truck. Rescue 5 was severely damaged during the 9/11 attacks on the United States of America but was restored by firefighters through the Remembrance Rescue Project. Los Angeles County Fire Department was selected by the Remembrance Team to have the vehicle in Los Angeles County to share with local communities to facilitate 9/11 educational programming, memorials and remembrance events.

National Night Out is a nationwide crime and drug prevention awareness campaign designed to generate participation in local anti-crime efforts. It strengthens

neighborhood spirit and law enforcement-community partnerships and sends a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting crime.

The TNOTS craft theme will be “Totally Turtles....Dude.” “Kids will be able to string together colorful turtle beads and make a stylish bracelet, craft a pet rock turtle, and create a mixed media piece of turtle art,” said Recreation Supervisor Annie Pagliaro.

Motown music will be provided by Frank Graves.

Now in its 14<sup>th</sup> year, TNOTS offers free live music, enticing food, free City activities for kids and an open-air market featuring specialty items. Each week, one lucky person caught “green-handed” – disposing of recyclable and non-recyclable waste in the proper container – will win a prize, courtesy of Waste Management

The remaining schedule of events is as follows:

### **August 7 | Dec the Walls**

Time for some new décor? Kids can make a personalized ribbon photo board and collage their initial to hang on the wall, design a pocket mirror, and create some Rockin’ Art at Camp TNOTS. Wander over to Legacy Commons for a second showing of the ARTown Fusion Exhibit.

***R&B by Tesserae.***

### **August 14 | Scares on the Square**

Kids don’t have to wait until All Hallows Eve to dress up in costume! Come join the fun, wear your costume and play the Musical Monsters game, create your very own mini-mummy, a vampire lollipop, and a creepy pinecone spider. Camp TNOTS will feature Rockin’ Art.

***Latin Rock by Boulevard Knights.***

Weekly free entertainment and activities include:

- Live music in the gazebo until 8:30 pm, sponsored by Valleywide Dental
- The Game Garden featuring a variety of board games for all ages
- The Children's Art & Activity Center, open while supplies last
- Camp TNOTS, featuring guest storytelling at 6:30 and 7:30 pm; Easel Art, Origami Creatures, Washi World & Rockin' Art.

(Children's Art & Activity Center and Camp TNOTS are for children age 12 and under.)

In addition to the music and activities, each week one lucky person will get caught "green-handed" – disposing of recyclable and nonrecyclable waste in the proper container – will win a special prize, courtesy of Waste Management.

Pets are not permitted. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Alcohol is not allowed.

This year's sponsors include Double D Cupcakes, Time Warner Cable, Valleywide Dental, Ventura Graphix and Waste Management.

For more information about Thursday Night on the Square call 267-5611 or visit [www.cityofpalmdale.org](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org).

### ***About The Remembrance Rescue Project***

The Remembrance Rescue Project is created by firefighters to restore, preserve and share Rescue 4 and Rescue 5 from 9/11 as educational tools, historical artifacts and memorials. The Project involving former FDNY Rescue 4 and Rescue 5 is an educational effort focused at society, especially youngsters who were too young to

actually understand the events of September 11th and what that day means to members of the fire service and the country as a whole.

The Project works with fire departments across the country to host the Rescues throughout the year. The Project coordinates with host fire departments to facilitate 9/11 educational programming, memorials and remembrance events. The Project strives to keep the memories alive of those lost on September 11th and all firefighters killed in the line of duty every year.

The Project is 100% operated by firefighters from across the country volunteering their time. There are no paid members within the Remembrance Rescue Project. Donations are used for fuel, maintenance and travel costs for the Rescues.

Info: [www.remembrance.co/](http://www.remembrance.co/)