Message From Chief Dan Duncan

Halloween Safety Tips

Trick-or-Treaters

- Carry a flashlight
- Walk, don’t run
- Stay on Sidewalks
- Obey traffic signals and stop signs
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods
- Don’t cut across yards or driveways
- Make sure costumes don’t drag on the ground
- Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house
- (If no sidewalk) walk on the left side of the road facing traffic
- Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape
- Approach only houses that are lit
- Stay away from and don’t pet animals you don’t know

Parents

- Make your child eat dinner before setting out
- Ideally, young children of any age should be accompanied by an adult
- If you buy a costume, look for one made of flame-retardant material
- Older children should know where to reach you and when to be home
- You should know where they’re going
- Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything
- Look at the wrapping carefully and toss out anything that looks suspect

Homeowners

- Make sure your yard is clear of such things as ladders, hoses, dog leashes and flower pots that can trip the young ones
- Pets get frightened on Halloween, put them up to protect them from cars or inadvertentlybiting a trick-or-treater
- Battery powered jack o’lantern candles are preferable to real flames
• If you do use candles, place the pumpkin well away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing
• Healthy food alternatives for trick-or-treaters include packages of low-fat crackers with cheese or peanut butter filling, single-serve boxes of cereal, packaged fruit rolls, mini boxes of raisins and single-serve packets of low-fat popcorn that can be micro waved later
• Non-food treats: plastic rings, pencils, stickers, erasers, coins