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## Halloween safety on the forefront for LPPD



Members of the La Porte Police Department wish every parent, child, and Halloween enthusiast a safe and happy Halloween. Since the holiday falls on a Tuesday night this year, the department plans to focus on preventing acts of vandalism and the inevitable increase in traffic accidents as the extended-weekend partygoers take to the roads. The police department especially cautions drivers and parents of young trick-or-treaters to take appropriate steps to ensure that the night stays safe.

Residents are also urged to consider, according to the American Automobile Association (AAA), two-thirds of people ages 18 to 24 host or attend Halloween parties. As such, the Police Department is reminding those who plan on attending a party, and consuming alcoholic beverages, to coordinate a designated driver in advance.

As a final reminder, the Police Department is also asking that parents of trick-or-treaters review the following safety tips:

- Don't let children go "Trick-or-Treating" alone. An adult should accompany young children.
- Accompany young children to the door of every house they approach. Stay within sight of the door.
- Be familiar with every house and with all people from which the children receive treats.
- Children should be cautioned never to approach any vehicle, occupied or not, unless they know the owner and are accompanied by a parent.
- Children should be cautioned never to enter any home without prior permission from their parents.
- Children should be warned to never approach any house that isn't well lit and that does not have a porch light on.
- Parents should inspect all treats and dispose of anything that has been opened or has never been wrapped and police should be notified if something has been tampered with.
- Children should be cautioned to remember any suspicious incidents and report them to their parents or the police.
- Children should be advised to run away from people who try to lure them with special treats.
- Costumes should be short to prevent tripping. Use light colors and reflective materials.
- Try using make-up on the child's face instead of a mask, as a mask can obstruct a child's view.
- When using facemasks, make sure the child can see and breathe properly and easily.
- Make sure that all children carry a glow stick or flashlight and wear reflective clothing.

For questions concerning holiday safety or other related matters, contact the La Porte Police Department at 281-842-3183 or 281-842-3124.