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FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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NEWS RELEASE

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Operation Safe Halloween **Increased Speeding and DUI Patrols for Halloween Weekend**

While kids are dreaming of trick-or-treating and adults have Halloween parties planned, the Sheriff's Office wants you to stay safe. Halloween's greatest hazards aren't ghosts and goblins – they're costume mishaps and traffic accidents.

The Sheriff's Office will have a speed enforcement detail on Halloween day at high crash locations. This detail will focus on speeding and aggressive driving. Patrol units, bicycle patrol, and C.O.P.S. will also have an increased presence on residential roadways where children are trick-or-treating.

Treat-or-Treaters:

- Make sure your costume fits properly and that masks don't obstruct your vision.
- Carry a flashlight or a glow stick.
- Never trick-or-treat alone.
- Only visit well-lit homes and always stay on the porch. Never enter the home.
- Look both ways before crossing the street and never run in the street.
- All candy should be inspected by an adult before eating.

Parents:

- Supervise children at all times.
- Inspect all candy before eating it. When in doubt, throw it out.
- Speak with your child about an emergency plan in case of separation.
- Make sure your child knows the home phone number and address.
- Consider attending a trunk-or-treat or community event.

Drivers:

- Reduce your speed and watch for children running in the road.
- Use your headlights, even at dusk.
- Don't let children ride unsecured in vehicles, even when driving from house to house.
- If you drink, do not drive.

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FCSO public service announcements for Halloween safety.

“There will be a lot of Halloween activities and fall festivals going on this weekend,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “Our goal for all residents and visitors is safety. Please be cautious and watch for kids running from house to house. And if you’re going to consume alcohol, don’t get behind the wheel of a car.”

Halloween is a fun holiday for both children and adults. While we want adults to enjoy themselves, please designate a sober driver. DUI patrol will be active over the weekend.

And remember, if you see something, say something. Any suspicious persons or incidents should be reported to the Sheriff’s Office. For emergencies, dial 9-1-1. For non-emergencies, call 386-313-4911.

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