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Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office Shares How to Have a Safe Halloween

(CHARLOTTE, NC) – With Halloween around the corner, Sheriff Garry L. McFadden and the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) will be hosting a Trunk-or-Treat event on Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 6:30pm – 9:30pm. This event has been thoughtfully organized to provide the community with a safe alternative for Halloween celebrations. Alongside the customary candy distribution, this year's Trunk-or-Treat will feature a spine-tingling haunted trail for everyone to explore. The dedicated staff at MCSO have worked tirelessly to ensure that this year's Trunk-or-Treat event and haunted trail will create lasting memories for all who attend.

In addition to the MCSO Trunk-or-Treat event Sheriff McFadden is urging those who plan to participate in Halloween festivities and trick-or-treating to prioritize safety for an enjoyable and safe Halloween experience. To aid in upholding everyone's safety, MCSO has compiled a list of safety tips:

Drivers:

- Watch for children darting out from between parked cars.
- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians, and curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.

Parents:

- Make sure an adult or an older responsible youth, supervises children under 12.
- Check the sex offender registry when planning your child's trick-or-treat route.
- Teach your children to stop only at houses or apartment buildings that are well-lit and never to enter a stranger's home.
- All children need to know their home telephone number and how to call 9-1-1 in case of emergency.
- Insist that treats be brought home for inspection before anything is eaten.
- Throw away any candy that is unwrapped or partially wrapped or has a strange odor, color, or texture.

Technology Tips:

- Parents of children who have cellphones may consider having children turn on a mobile tracking application that allows only individuals selected by parents to safely track their whereabouts.
- Remind your children not to wear headphones or earbuds so they can hear cars approaching on the road.

Costume Design:

- Only fire-retardant materials should be used for costumes.
- Be safe and be seen. If children are allowed out after dark, outfits should be made with light-colored materials.
- If masks are worn, they should have nose and mouth openings and large eye holes.

While Trick-or-Treating:

- Walk on sidewalks, not in the street.
- Walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic, if there are no sidewalks.
- Carrying flashlights with fresh batteries will help children see better and be seen clearly by others.

"Halloween can be a fun time in Mecklenburg County," said Sheriff McFadden. "Our main concern is ensuring the safety of everyone while they enjoy the Halloween festivities."

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Join Us For A Safe Halloween Alternative

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5225 Spector Drive, Charlotte, NC 28269



"FREE" Sheriff Office Horror Trail in addition to the drive thru

