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### **Lindenhurst Police Urge Safety for Those Taking Part in Halloween**

**Lindenhurst, Illinois –**

The Lindenhurst Police Department encourages everyone to exercise extra precaution this week for Halloween festivities. Lindenhurst will celebrate Halloween on Thursday, October 31, 2019, between the hours of 4:00pm – 7:00pm. The Lindenhurst Police Department offers the following recommendations to assure a safe and enjoyable Halloween:

- Choose costumes that are marked flame retardant, and add reflective tape or reflectors to darker colored costumes. Painted make-up is considered safer than a mask and is less restrictive to a child's vision.
- All children should remain under the direct supervision of parents or guardians.
- Watch for traffic. Use sidewalks when possible. Only cross at corners or crosswalks.
- Make sure older kids trick-or-treat with friends. Map out a safe route so parents will know where they will be.
- Carry a flashlight or other illuminant device.
- Have children stay within their own familiar neighborhood, and only visit homes they know. Children should only approach houses with the lights on, and should never go into a stranger's house.
- Adults should inspect all candy prior to the children indulging.
- Give and accept wrapped or packaged candy only.
- Have props such as magic wands and swords constructed out of cardboard or foam/rubber, rather than metal or wood– this will avoid unnecessary injuries.
- Report any suspicious or illegal activity by calling 9-1-1 immediately.

Finally, as Halloween approaches, the Lindenhurst Police Department encourages drivers to use extreme caution while driving in areas where children are trick-or-treating. Children often get excited while trick-or-treating, and in their eagerness to get candy, have a tendency to run blindly into the street to get to the next house— sometimes darting out unexpectedly from between parked cars.

Officers will also respond to any calls indicating that a person, whether in costume or not, is acting in a disorderly or threatening manner towards others. And for those adults that will be attending parties for Halloween, please do not drink and drive.

The Lindenhurst Police Department will be patrolling the neighborhoods to assure a safe Halloween. However, if you see something of concern, please don't hesitate to call the police: Emergency 911; non-emergency (847) 356-5400.

**Halloween trick-or-treating is 4:00pm – 7:00pm. Have fun and be careful.**

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