

## A MESSAGE FROM POLICE CHIEF, BRIAN STURGILL

# Halloween Safety

### Walk Safely

- · Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
- · Put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- · Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- · Always walk on sidewalks. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.
- Join kids under age 12 for trick-or-treating. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, tell them to stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

### Costumes for a Safe Halloween

- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

#### Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

- · Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
- · Take extra time to look for kids at intersections and on curbs.
- · Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- · Get rid of any distractions like your phone in your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- · Turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.
- · DRIVE SOBER!!!