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HAPPY HALLOWEEN FROM THE AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT

AUBURN, ME – The Auburn Police Department shares the following tips and reminders to help ensure that Halloween 2016 is safe & fun.

Trick-or-treaters are reminded to:
- Trick-or-Treat with a grown-up
- Visit people you know and houses that are well-lit
- Make sure your costume fits – it's easy to trip on costumes that are too long or shoes that are too big
- Wear bright colors or reflective clothing, and carry a flashlight
- Don't eat treats until you show them to a parent or trusted adult
- NEVER enter a stranger's home or car
- Do not take treats from someone you don't know
- Stay on sidewalks and crosswalks where available, and cross only at intersections
- Cross when it is clear and keep an eye out for cars

Chief Phil Crowell reminds motorists to be aware that young children and adults will be out on Halloween night. "We always want Halloween to be a fun and safe celebration for everyone. Drivers need to slow down and watch for pedestrians. By the same token, pedestrians must use the crosswalks and pay attention." Chief Crowell encourages residents with kids to stop by the Auburn PAL Center (24 Chestnut Street) between 5:00 & 7:00pm for some Halloween fun.

Halloween is a particularly deadly night due to the high number of drunk drivers on the roads. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Halloween can turn the roads into a horror fest. In 2015, over half (52%) of all highway fatalities across the nation on Halloween night involved a driver BAC of .08 or higher. A jail cell doesn't make for a Happy Halloween - designate a sober driver.

The men and women of the APD wish you a safe and Happy Halloween.

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