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### **Police Want Auburn Residents to Have a Happy and Safe Halloween *Holiday Reminders & Tips from the Auburn Police Department***

The Auburn Police Department shares the following tips and reminders to help ensure that Halloween 2013 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."

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, from 2007 - 2011, 52 percent of all national fatalities occurring on Halloween night involved a drunk driver.

The scariest parts of Halloween aren't the spooky costumes and scary pranks. It's the fact that too often impaired drivers don't plan ahead and end up making the roads scarier than a horror show. That's why this Halloween, the Auburn Police Department will continue our aggressive impaired driving enforcement efforts. No matter who you are, drunk driving has scary consequences.