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Mayor, Police Chief encourage Safety First on Halloween

PARMA, Ohio - The Parma Police Department will add extra vehicle and foot patrols on Halloween night to ensure the safety of trick-or-treaters. Trick or treating in Parma is scheduled for 6-8 on Halloween night, Friday, October 31.

"Our goal, as always, is a safe and happy Halloween for everybody, for the kids and the parents who take them out for Trick or Treat," said Mayor Tim DeGeeter. "I encourage drivers to be extra watchful for kids in or near the street and to drive slowly and with care."

Between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Halloween, PPD's Traffic Unit will be patrolling city neighborhoods to handle any traffic issues that arise, and the Target Oriented Patrol officers will be watching for any suspicious people or activity.

Parma's uniformed Auxiliary officers will also be patrolling the city. The Parma Auxiliary Police have been assisting the Parma Police Department on Halloween night for the past several years. Auxiliary police will also be providing service to Parma Heights.

"This increase in patrols should double the normal number of officers on the road and help ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable Halloween evening," said Police Chief Robert Miller.

Mayor DeGeeter applauded his Police Department for the extra care. "Adding extra Police officers and calling on our Auxiliary officers for more manpower helps us to do all we can to ensure that everyone's Halloween is a safe and fun experience."