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### SHERIFF PHILIP POVERO TALKS ABOUT HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Soon our streets will be scattered with little ghosts, goblins and witches trick or treating this Halloween. And to make sure this is a more enjoyable and safer Halloween; Sheriff Povero of Ontario County offers some safety tips.

Remember when designing your children's costumes that face paint is preferable to a mask. Masks should have adequate holes for proper respiration and peripheral vision. All trick or treaters should wear some sort of reflective clothing, carry a bright orange bag and carry a flashlight or glowstick to make it easier for passing cars to spot them while they walk on the sidewalk or left side of the road facing traffic.

An adult should always accompany young children. Either a parent or older child should stay within close range at all times or never let the children go down a street by themselves. Walk with the children to each house and wait in the driveway or by the door until the children return.

Older children should travel in pairs or in groups at all times while trick or treating and should never venture down a dark, empty side street. Parents should know the route that their children are following. Children should always walk together to the front door of each house and never run across the street or across the yard. Dark, unlighted houses should be avoided.

Tell your children to save all their candy until they get home. You should closely inspect all candy. Throw away all unwrapped candy or any suspicious looking goodies. If your child does get sick, try to determine what he or she had eaten and where it came from. Call your doctor or the hospital emergency room immediately and save all wrappers.

Also remember that your jack-o-lantern and any other electrical decorations can be a fire hazard. Keep them out of the reach of small children and away from flammable materials such as draperies, furniture and paper decorations. Do not leave your house unattended.

"Halloween is a fun time in Ontario County," Sheriff Povero concluded, "But let's make it a safe time as well."