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Press Release

Halloween Safety in Plainfield

Residents asked to adhere to voluntary curfew

Plainfield, NJ October 28, 2008:

While everyone enjoys the Halloween festivities in Plainfield, the safety of the children and the community in general is of the utmost concern. The administration is therefore asking parents to ensure that their children adhere to a voluntary 8:00 PM curfew. Additionally, parents and guardians are advised to accompany their children during any "Trick or Treating" ventures.

Flyers have been distributed to local schools exhorting safe guidelines for trick or treating and reiterating the 8 PM curfew. Mayor Robinson-Briggs has asked that as alternatives parents should check with local churches, the YWCA, YMCA and the Division of Recreation to find out what activities are planned as many of them plan to host Halloween parties.

The Plainfield Department of Public Safety wishes to advise all city residents to be especially watchful for any signs of mischief or criminal activity during the Halloween Festivities on Thursday, October 30, and Friday, October 31, 2008. All available police officers will be working on both those days and into the evenings. Marked and unmarked vehicles will be patrolling the neighborhoods, and the 8 PM curfew will be reinforced. Marked units will drive through neighborhoods and remind everyone that all trick or treaters should be off the streets at 8 PM. Targeted areas will include those that experienced trouble last year. In addition to this effort, some motorists may be stopped and traffic laws strictly enforced as the police do their best to ensure that no one takes advantage of this night and that it is a safe evening for all.

Residents are asked to turn off porch or outside lighting at that time and, advised to immediately contact the police if they encounter any activity that is cause for concern.

Public Safety Director, Martin Hellwig has issued the following statement... "I wish everyone a happy and safe Halloween. Be assured, both our police and fire divisions will work diligently to prevent or address any challenges to an orderly festive event. The public's support and cooperation, as always, is the key component to the success of this event."

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