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## HALLOWEEN 2019

### MEDIA RELEASE

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Phenix City, AL – The Phenix City Police Department recommends that the public celebrate Halloween on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019, and trick or treat between the hours of 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm, EST.

The Phenix City Police Department will have extra patrols to assist in a safe Halloween experience.

#### **Halloween safety tips**

Safety is always an important part of the holiday. No matter what time you head out, here are some safety tips:

- Plan your route in advance and don't go to houses you don't know
- Children shouldn't go trick or treating alone
- Stay on the sidewalk or side of the road and cross the street carefully
- Trick or treat in well-lit areas and carry a flashlight
- Make sure costume can be seen at night; use reflective tape if necessary
- Parents should check sex offender list before going trick or treating
- Check your child's candy before they eat it. Discard any unwrapped or opened pieces
- Drivers should go slow and be on the lookout for children
- Homeowners should leave a light on and remove obstacles from the lawn
- Don't use candles in your pumpkin - use a battery-operated light instead.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Chief of Police