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LEADERSHIP

“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” - Maya Angelou

The Los Angeles Police Department has six core values that are used as the foundation by which it operates. One of those core values is leadership. Because of the recent events around the country, it is important to review and re-commit ourselves to what being a leader means.

COMMITMENT TO LEADERSHIP

We believe the Los Angeles Police Department should be a leader in law enforcement. We also believe that each individual needs to be a leader in his or her area of responsibility. Making sure that our values become part of our day-to-day work life is our mandate. We must each work to ensure that our co-workers, our professional colleagues and our communities have the highest respect for the Los Angeles Police Department.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Halloween is an exciting time of year for kids and adults. Our streets and neighborhoods are filled with ghosts, goblins and other scary (and some not so scary) creatures. Because the streets are filled with many of our youngest ones, it is extremely important to **slow down and pay extra attention**. The Los Angeles Police Department places no higher priority than the safety of children. Because of this, extra officers will be on the streets and traffic and pedestrian enforcement will be given extra priority on Halloween night. To help ensure everyone has a safe holiday, the following are some tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

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ALL DRESSED UP:

- **Plan costumes that are bright and reflective.** Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
- **Add reflective tape or striping to costumes and trick-or-treat bags for greater visibility.**
- **Because masks can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic makeup and decorative hats as safer alternatives.** Hats should fit properly to prevent them from sliding over eyes.
- **When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories look for and purchase those with a label clearly indicating they are flame resistant.**
- **If a sword, cane, or stick is a part of your child's costume, make sure it is not sharp or too long.** A child may be easily hurt by these accessories if he stumbles or trips.
- **Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.**
- **Teach children how to call 9-1-1** (or their local emergency number) if they have an emergency or become lost.

HOME SAFE HOME:

- **To keep homes safe for visiting trick-or-treaters, parents should remove from the porch and front yard anything a child could trip over such as garden hoses, toys, bikes and lawn decorations.**
- **Parents should check outdoor lights and replace burned-out bulbs.**
- **Restrain pets so they do not inadvertently jump on or bite a trick-or-treater.**

ON THE TRICK-OR-TREAT TRAIL:

- **A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.**
- **If your older children are going alone, plan and review the route that is acceptable to you.** Agree on a specific time when they should return home.
- **Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat.**
- **Stay in a group and communicate where they will be going.**
- **Remember reflective tape for costumes and trick-or-treat bags.**
- **Carry a cellphone for quick communication.**

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- **Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.**
- **If no sidewalk is available, walk at the far edge of the roadway facing traffic.**
- **Never cut across yards or use alleys.**
- **Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks**
- **Never cross between parked cars or out driveways.**
- **Don't assume the right of way.** Motorists may have trouble seeing Trick-or-Treaters. Just because one car stops, doesn't mean others will!
- **Law enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.**

The above Halloween Safety Tips were provided by AAP.org



The message is simple:

- **Lock It:** Lock you vehicle every time you leave it unattended and always lock your valuables in the trunk.
- **Hide It:** If you don't have a trunk, hide valuables under the seat, in the glove box or other compartments within your vehicle
- **Keep It:** Personal responsibility is the best prevention to safeguard personal property and to prevent becoming a victim.

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Location: Ann Kinzle Community Room located in the West Valley Community Police Station

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