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**2019 Trick or Treat Hours & Halloween Safety Reminders**

**Sept. 30, 2019** – The Beloit Police Department, along with the City of Beloit, would like to take this time to remind everyone to have a safe Halloween by following the city’s guidelines for trick-or-treating.

The men and women of our department will do their best to keep the Beloit streets safe during the city’s official Halloween trick-or-treating hours, but we need the help of the motoring public as well. Trick or treat is from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, 2019.

“I wish everyone an enjoyable Halloween,” said Police Chief David B. Zibolski. “Parents, please keep an eye on your children and watch out for other kids while you are out trick-or-treating. Together, we can have a fun and safe celebration.”

The following precautions are recommended:

- Wear light colored clothing, short enough to prevent tripping, and add reflectors.
- Give children flashlights and glow sticks to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- Make sure costumes are flame retardant.
- Make sure children can see well through face masks or head coverings.
- Accompany your children and go only to homes with outside lights on.
- Stay within the neighborhood and only visit homes where you know the residents.
- Walk on the sidewalk. Children should not take shortcuts through backyards or alleys.
- Only give or accept wrapped or packaged candy and treats. Examine candy before allowing children to eat it.
- Watch for traffic. Cross only at corners and never dart out between parked cars.
- Drive slowly, yield to young pedestrians, and watch out for trick or treaters darting into the street

If you see a person on the street dressed as a Beloit police officer, it’s not a costume. We will be on the streets and in our neighborhoods to do what we can to ensure a safe Halloween.

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