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KPD Supports a Safe, Fun Halloween

Kilgore, TX -- With Halloween on the way, the Kilgore Police Department would like to recommend the following Halloween Safety Tips.

- If you wish to participate and welcome trick-or-treaters to your home turn on your porch light.
- Check your yard for any hazards and remove them.
- Use glow sticks or battery powered light source as an alternative for candles.
- Make sure pets are put up.
- When driving through the neighborhoods slow down and be especially observant for children.
- If dropping off children use your hazards and choose a safe place. Be mindful of other vehicles dropping off children. Be patient.
- Report any suspicious or criminal activity to the Kilgore Police Department.
- Children should not trick or treat alone or enter a stranger's house or vehicle.
- If it is dark out have children carry a flashlight, glow stick, wear light colors or use reflective tape.
- Make sure costumes and costume props are safe. Costumes should fit well and be fire retardant. Props should not be able to cause injuries. Mask should not obstruct a child's view.
- Map out a trick-or-treating route. Parents should know where their children are.
- Never eat opened candy. It's a wise choice for parents to inspect all the candy before it is eaten.
- Check out safe alternatives to traditional trick-or-treating such as Downtown trick-or-treating or the Lions Club Carnival, both in downtown Kilgore on Thursday, October 31, 2013. Churches and Civic groups will also be hosting Halloween type events for children.

Let's all work together to make this Halloween a fun and safe holiday for everyone!

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