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# MEDIA RELEASE

**IMMEDIATE  
RELEASE**  
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The Westminster Police Department will be conducting specialized patrols during the weekend of Friday, October 30, 2009 through Sunday, November 1, 2009 due to the expected increase in activities associated with the observance of Halloween.

Patrol officers will concentrate their efforts in residential neighborhoods during the hours that children will be going door to door trick or treating. The primary purpose during this time will be to ensure the safety of the children and motorists are advised to use caution while driving through the neighborhoods during this time. Patrol officers will also be on the lookout for any malicious activity that frequently occurs during Halloween.

Officers assigned to the night shift will be concentrating on the detection of drugged and drunk drivers. Individuals holding Halloween parties are asked to be responsible hosts and ensure that their guests are either provided with a safe way home or are allowed to remain at the residence should they have too much to drink at the party.

In addition to the usual complement of Patrol officers working the evening and night shifts, a specialized team of four officers will be assigned to address issues related to large unruly parties and underage drinking.

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