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# Worthington Police News



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## Halloween Safety Tips

### At Home

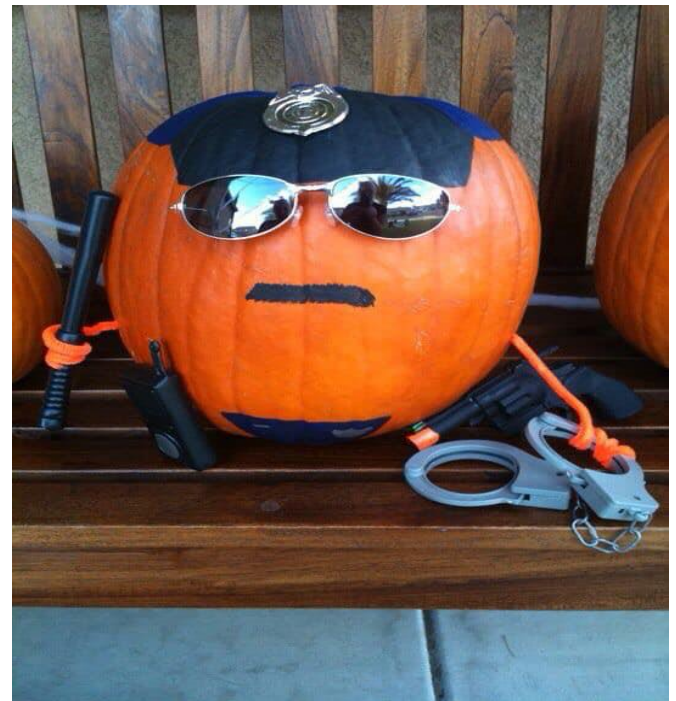
- Consider using battery operated lights for your pumpkins and other luminaries to reduce the risk of a fire.
- When carving pumpkins, consider using either a child safe pumpkin knife or decorate it with paint or stickers.
- Keep the entrance well-lit and remove any items that could pose a tripping hazard.

### Costumes

- Look for flame-resistant costumes, wigs, and other accessories.
- Consider using face paint as opposed to masks to allow for better vision while trick-or-treating.
- Increase visibility by using flashlights, LEDs, or reflective tape on costumes to increase visibility.

### Trick-or-Treating

- Stay in neighborhoods that are familiar to you.
- Don't go out alone. Make sure there is a trusted adult or teenager with the children.



- Only cross streets at the crosswalk and avoid crossing between cars or in the middle of the block.
- Only approach homes that have a porch light on or are obviously accepting trick-or-treaters.

### Candy

- Never go into a home to accept candy.
- Inspect your candy before eating it. If the package appears damaged or something just does

not look right, throw it away.

- Parents should check the candy for any ingredients that their children might be allergic to.

### Glow Sticks

The Worthington Police Department will be handing out glow sticks again this year!

We will be set up on Smith Avenue from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. so stop by and visit our officers!

### Animal Control Open

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## Hat Trick

A hat trick in law enforcement is when a police officer arrests three drunk drivers in one shift.

Officer Jake Refsland arrested three drunk drivers during his shift on September 16, 2022.

Congratulations to Officer Refsland for making our city streets safer for the motoring public.



## iPhone Communication Safety Settings

Apple has a set of communication safety features to help make using Apple devices less threatening.

The first feature allows the phone to check for sensitive photos, such as nude photographs.

To turn on this setting, you can go on your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch and do the following:

1. Go to settings and click on screen time. If you have not turned-on screen time, use parental controls to turn it on.
2. Tap the name of your child in the family group.
3. Tap communication safety and tap continue.
4. Turn on the check for sensitive photos. You may need to enter the Screen Time password for the device.

The Apple iPhone has several other useful features for parents as well.

### Under Screen Time:

- You can set downtime, which will allow only certain applications and telephone calls to go through during the time frame you set.
- You can also set daily time limits to the applications on the phone to restrict how long your child is on the applications.
- You also can set communication limits to restrict when and who your child can call.
- Finally, you can restrict the types of content your child can access, such as explicit songs, podcasts, and news.

As a parent with iPhone or other Apple devices, it would be worth taking some time to familiarize yourself with the different safety features installed on your child's phone.



## Scam Alert: Police Impersonators

Last month, the Nobles County Sheriff's Office received a telephone call from an attorney.

While that is not unusual, the reason the attorney called was!

Someone posing as a Nobles County Sheriff's Deputy had called the attorney's client and demanded a large payment over the phone for an alleged warrant she had.

Fortunately, the woman did not make any

payments to the imposter deputy and contacted her attorney instead to handle the issue.

This has not been the first time this has happened. These scammers are trying to make themselves look more credible by looking up the names and badge numbers of local officers.

Just remember that real law enforcement officers will never demand payment for warrants over the telephone.

The standard procedure if someone has a warrant is they are transported to the Nobles County Jail, where they post a cash bail or they can bond out using a bondsman.

If you miss a court date or jury duty, you may be called about the issue or a law enforcement officer may pay you a visit, but no one will demand payment over the telephone.



If in doubt if the telephone call you received is real, hang up, look up the telephone number for the agency and call them back.

## Halloween Police Patches

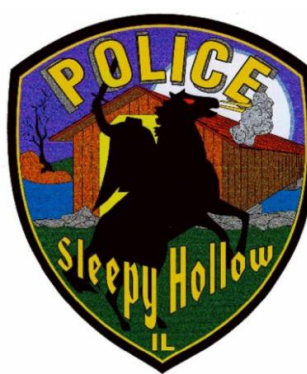
Police patches are worn by officers to help identify the department that employs the officer. This month we will show a variety of Halloween themed patches from across the United States!



South Fork Police  
Department, Colorado



Salem Police Department,  
Massachusetts



Sleepy Hollow Police  
Department, Illinois



Plainville Police  
Department, Connecticut

## Horror in Law Enforcement

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This story comes from a Texas deputy and occurs in the 1990s.

One winter night, I was patrolling down the alley in the business district checking for open doors.

It was just after midnight, and it had just snowed when I saw a woman standing about a block away at the end of the alley. She was dressed in a long black evening dress, but was not wearing a coat or gloves.

I called out to the woman and asked if she was ok. She looked at me before she turned and stepped into a recessed area behind the store.

I drove down there

expecting to see one of the business owners or their children hanging out in the building or an intoxicated woman passed out in the alley.

When I got there, the woman had disappeared. There was no place she could have gone. I checked all of the doors and every one was locked tight.

There was only a black cat sitting on the gas meter. As I was shining my light around the area, the cat jumped off the meter and rubbed up against my leg.

As I looked around more, I could not find any footprints in the freshly fallen snow. When I said there were no footprints, that included from the cat!



When I went back to the police station, I talked to the dispatcher about what I saw. My dispatcher told me the woman has been showing up for about 20 years now and no one knows who she is.

My dispatcher asked if I saw the cat too. I never said anything about the cat!

That freaked me out.

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## Mission Statement

**Serving Worthington with honor and integrity  
by working WITH the community  
to provide exceptional public safety.**

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