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IDOC to Host Operation Safe Halloween

Indianapolis, IN (October 27, 2010) – Halloween will be safer for Indiana children thanks to the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC). IDOC's Parole Services Division will be conducting Operation "Safe Halloween" again this year.

Over the weekend, registered sex offenders across the state will adhere to a special curfew in an effort to directly monitor and remove sex offenders from community streets during the child-oriented holiday.

As October 31, 2010 falls on Sunday, some trick or treat activities within various communities have been scheduled for Saturday, October 30th. All nine Parole District offices have coordinated with their communities to ensure required compliance and accountability during each specified holiday schedule.

On Saturday and Sunday, paroled sex offenders will be required to attend a mandatory meeting, turn in safety plans for the evening, or remain at home and not hand out candy. Parole staff will work with local law enforcement to conduct unannounced home verification and compliance checks. Marion County will see the single largest collaborative effort between IDOC Parole, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, and Marion County Probation.

As with previous years, sex offenders who remain at their approved residence have been advised to turn off their outside lights during the evening hours, refrain from displaying Halloween decorations, and many will post signs that they are not participating in passing out candy.

IDOC Commissioner Edwin G. Buss expressed, "This initiative allows our Parole staff to more effectively monitor sex offenders, keep Indiana safe, and give Hoosier parents some peace of mind."

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