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Halloween Enforcement Focuses on Safety

Ashland, OR – Traditionally, Halloween is one of the most active holidays the City of Ashland encounters with thousands of costumed revelers celebrating in the plaza downtown. The Oregon Liquor Control Commission wants to remind businesses and Halloween goers to celebrate safely.

As in years past, multiple law enforcement, public safety and regulatory agencies are coordinating their efforts to help ensure a safe atmosphere for celebrants and liquor serving businesses that cater to the attendees of Ashland's annual, unsanctioned street party.

The Ashland Police Department, in coordination with the Medford Police Department, Jackson County Sheriffs Department, County Corrections Officers, Ashland Fire and Rescue and the OLCC has developed a multi-faceted operation to protect this year's participants.

Oregon Liquor Control Commission Inspectors will accompany patrol officers to assist in the prevention of issues stemming from over-service to patrons and minors in the possession of alcohol in the expected party atmosphere. The Medford Regional OLCC office issued a letter to area licensees reiterating the agency's expectations and suggested guidelines for a safe and successful evening.

"All of the enforcement and public safety agencies are working hard to make sure that Halloween is an enjoyable and safe holiday for everyone in Ashland," says Matt Roberts, OLCC Inspector. "Ashland Detective Rick Spence deserves a lot of credit for organizing a joint DUII Saturation patrol."

In addition to substantial foot patrols in the downtown area consisting of police officers from Ashland and Medford as well as OLCC Inspectors, the joint DUII Saturation Patrol with Jackson County Sheriff's Deputies will be performed in the South County area from 9:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m. Ashland Fire Rescue will be on hand throughout the evening to enforce occupancy loads ensuring safe operation for area business patrons and staff.

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