Halloween is Just Around the Corner—

With Halloween happening on Monday, the Owatonna Police Department in partnership with the Minnesota Crime Prevention Association, offers these safety tips for kids. Please make certain:

Costumes are short and snug—
Baggy sleeves, big capes, puffy skirts can trip you up and catch fire if they brush against jack-o-lanterns or candle flames.

Shoes fit properly—
Big floppy shoes (clown shoes, adult shoes) that are hard to walk in can make you fall.

Costume props are flexible—
Costume props can hurt you badly if you fall. Make sure swords, knives, etc. are made of flexible materials.

The eye-holes in masks are wide enough—
Make certain if you wear a mask that it fits you properly and the eye-holes allow you to see fully. Don’t wear a mask that is too loose; it can block your vision. Even better, paint your face instead of wearing a mask.

Drivers can see my costume in the dark—
Be original with a glow in the dark costume by attaching some reflective tape and stickers or glow sticks to your costume.

Trick-or-Treat in a group—
Don’t go at it alone. Kids, if your under the age of 13, make sure you go with an adult. Older kids should always go with a buddy.

Cross streets at crosswalks or intersections—
Stop at street corners. Look left, right and left again before crossing, and don’t cross between parked cars. Remember, never step into the street without looking to see if a vehicle is coming!

Make sure parents check treats before eating them—
Pick only wrapped candy when you trick-or-treat. Ask your parents to check all treat to make sure they are safe.

Roommate Argument Leads to Domestic Violence—

On October 25th, Owatonna officers responded to 333 1/2 East Rose St. for the report of a domestic disturbance. Upon arrival, officers found that a female roommate had been assaulted when she tried to intervene in an argument between a couple she was letting live with her. The victim asked the male half of the argument to leave her residence and he responded by punching her in the face. The victim suffered cuts to her lower and upper lip. The male suspect eventually left the residence. The suspect was located a few blocks away by officers and began fleeing on a bicycle and then on foot. Officer finally caught and subdued the suspect by utilizing a Taser device. Lorenzo C. Davis, age 25, was transported to the Steele County Detention Center and was charged with Domestic Assault, 5th Degree Assault, Fleeing a Police Officer on Foot and Obstructing the Legal Process.

Motor Vehicle/Pedestrian Fatality Crash—

On Friday, October 28th at 6:48 a.m., Owatonna officers responded to the intersection of 26th St. N.E. and 3rd Avenue for a motor vehicle crash involving a pedestrian. Craig Hemmingsen, age 63, of Owatonna was walking north across 26th Street when he was struck by a vehicle being operated by Gregory Anderson, age 35, of Owatonna. Mr. Hemmingsen was transported from the scene by Gold Cross Ambulance to the Owatonna Hospital where he died from his injuries directly related to the crash. The crash remains under investigation by the Owatonna Police Department and with the assistance of the Minnesota State Patrol.