

Who Says Safety Can't Be Fun

On Halloween evening, Community Response Team (CRT) members were assigned to keep a watchful eye on "Trick or Treaters" to ensure they had a safe and fun experience. The plan was for officers to patrol neighborhoods, and then get out of their cars when they saw groups of kids and parents to hand out candy and foster positive relationships with community members. One team of officers focused on Broderick & Bryte while a second team worked in the old West Sac and Southport areas.

There was an overwhelmingly positive response from the children, parents and other community members. The kids were excited to see police officers handing out candy and many times they were swarmed with superheroes, little princesses and other assorted characters, smiling as they asked for a treat. The officers were greeted with comments such as; "It's nice to see you out here.", "Cops giving out candy?", "You're stealing our customers (with laughs enjoyed by everyone)" and "thank you for keeping us safe".

This effort was very successful with officers contacting several hundred residents while handing out thirteen bags of candy and making the neighborhoods a safer place to live and play. The West Sacramento Police Department is proud to serve our residents and are gratified by the positive response.