

Chico police plan major Halloween presence

Staff Reports

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CHICO — Based on weather predictions for Saturday, and the fact that Halloween festivities downtown and in student neighborhoods typically take place on Halloween, police are contemplating a busy Sunday.

Police Lt. Linda Dye, incident commander for Halloween, said a major police presence will be evident beginning Friday night, with more Chico officers on the street, augmented by Chico State University police, mounted horse patrols from Butte and Stanislaus counties and agents from Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Here are some of the major precautions being taken by police throughout the three-day celebration:

- * Municipal parking lot and portion of Fifth Street closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.
- * Glass container ban in effect Friday 6 p.m. to Monday 6 a.m. in area bordered by Big Chico Creek, Little Chico Creek, Flume Street and Oak Street.
- * DUI checkpoint in south of campus area Saturday night.
- * Zero tolerance for alcohol violations and violence.
- * Disorderly events ordinance enforced.
- * North-state sheriff's offices will provide transport vans to the Butte County Jail in Oroville.

Dye said police hope out-of-towners will stay away from Chico for the long weekend, and that parties will remain small and under control.

Police volunteers will be downtown Sunday to keep crowds moving and out of the street.

If necessary, although she said it probably won't be, Dye said the intersection of Fifth and Ivy streets could be shut down if

it becomes too congested.