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## **Police Chief's Monthly Report for October 2016**

On October 10, 2016 officers from the Roselle Park Police Department in conjunction with traffic safety specialists from Triple-A (AAA) conducted a pedestrian safety detail on the 200 block of Chestnut Street. The purpose of this detail was to educate motorists, and pedestrians on the dangers associated with road crossings by pedestrians and what motorists should be aware of when observing pedestrians in the roadway. During this detail decoy Police Officers and Triple-A specialists were utilized as pedestrians in the crosswalk, as a result of this detail there were 32 motorists who failed to bring their vehicle to a complete stop when observing the decoy officers in the crosswalk. Informational Triple-A pamphlets concerning pedestrian, and motorist safety were also distributed to motorists, as well as pedestrians to help educate the public on New Jersey laws involving "Stop for pedestrians in crosswalks", 160 safety pamphlets were distributed during the detail. The pedestrian detail was made possible by a New Jersey Triple-A funded grant which all officers were paid through with no cost to the Borough. The Police Department along with Triple-A will continue to conduct these grant funded programs in the future.

On October 18, 2016 the Police Department conducted a seatbelt inspection detail on Galloping Hill Road at the intersection of East Colfax Avenue. The seatbelt inspection check point is designed for Police Officers to detect vehicle occupants who fail to utilize safety restraints while in a moving vehicle as required by New Jersey State motor vehicle laws. The seatbelt detail was conducted for a one hour period and as a result of that detail 8 summonses were issued to vehicle occupants who failed to wear the required safety restraints. As stated in prior reports the number of violations issued during

seatbelt details has been continuing to decrease since the Police Department first implemented this program several years ago. The continued decrease in safety restraint violations has been, and continues to be a clear indication that this detail continues to be successful in educating the public on the dangers associated with failing to wear safety restraints while in a moving vehicle.

On October 31, 2016 the annual Halloween celebration was held on Bender Avenue from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm, as a result of the increased crowds over the past several years the Police Department assigned eight officers to this year's event. During the hours of 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm the Police Department estimated 3000 to 3500 people in attendance during the course of the Halloween celebration. I'm pleased to report that there were no incidents at the event and all who attended conducted themselves in a very orderly and courteous manner. Although the priority for all officers assigned to the detail is to ensure the safety of the public, this has also always been a great opportunity for the public to interact with our Police Officers. Thank you to all who participated with this event to ensure the safety of all who reside in the Bender Avenue area, as well as all who visited the Bender Avenue.

Very truly yours,

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