

## **HALLOWEEN 2015 PREPARATIONS**

### **Representatives include:**

- Dr. Virginia Hardy, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, East Carolina University
- Greenville Police Chief Mark Holtzman
- ECU Police Chief Gerald Lewis
- Randy Andrews, law enforcement chief for Pitt County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
- Rusty King, North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Assistant Special Agent in Charge, District II
- Lt. Chris Sutton, ECU Police public information officer and special events coordinator

The Greenville Police Department works under the National Incident Management System (NIMS) to develop action plans to deal with large crowds, medical emergencies, mobilization and demobilization of large numbers of officers and to ensure the downtown area is secure prior to the event. Greenville Police partners with a number of law enforcement agencies in and around Greenville and eastern North Carolina to ensure the agency has the appropriate number of officers to maximize safety. This year, 15 law enforcement agencies will be providing mutual aid for the Greenville Police Department, in addition to GPD's 184 sworn officers. There will be an increased police presence not only downtown, but in the surrounding neighborhoods and student apartment complexes.

### **DOWNTOWN CHECKING STATIONS**

There will be four checking stations located throughout downtown Greenville. These checking stations are optional; however, if you do not wish to go through a checking station, you will not be allowed to enter the event area. This is designed to increase the safety of the event. The checking stations are in the following areas:

- 5<sup>th</sup> and Reade
- 5<sup>th</sup> and Evans
- Cotanche Street near Chico's restaurant
- Cotanche near parking deck

### **EVENT RULES**

The following list of items will be prohibited from the downtown area:

- Alcohol
- Weapons
- Any item that resembles or can be used as a weapon (sticks, swords, etc. – includes plastic items)
- Handcuffs

### **PARKING**

Road closures in the downtown area will begin at approximately 4:30 p.m. Saturday. The 5 Points lot and 4<sup>th</sup> Street Parking Deck will close to the public at 6 p.m. All other public lots will remain open.

## **ADDITIONAL INFO**

A Saturday night Halloween increases the potential for larger crowds. The preceding Thursday and Friday nights will likely have large crowds as well, as evidenced by past weekend Halloween celebrations. Additional GPD staffing has also been planned for Thursday and Friday during the peak hours.

## **ECU TRANSIT**

ECU Transit will operate special late night service to accommodate Halloween on Saturday. This fare-free service operates with ECU Police on-hand to provide a safe environment for ECU students.

- Halloween Havoc shuttles will begin operating at 9:45 p.m. to service Mendenhall / West End, College Hill, and Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. Halloween Havoc ends at 1:45 a.m. before the time change; shuttles will continue running for up to 30 minutes afterward.
- All other routes will provide one-way inbound service only until 1 a.m. All routes will drop off and pick up at the Mendenhall / West End bus circle; no return trips away from campus to off-campus locations will be permitted until 1 a.m. No other campus locations will be served with the exception of stops regularly served by route 850 Pirate Ride.
- Shuttles operating for the night will serve only locations normally served by the 900-series Pirate Express shuttles. These include: 33 East, University Manor, Sunchase, The Landing, North Campus Crossing, University Suites, Copper Beech, The Bellamy
- Route 902 The Grid will be modified to service only the following stops: 5th & Ash, University Terrace, Brownlea & 3rd, Brownlea & Wyndham, and 1st & Oak.

Buses will operate continuously without set schedules from 10:30pm until the last trips depart Mendenhall / West End at 2:30 a.m. NextBus predictions will be unavailable for this off-schedule service.

Rules for Pirate Express will be in effect for all routes; absolutely no alcohol, regardless of container, is allowed onboard any vehicle. Weapons, fighting, smoking, backpacks, and other large carry-on items are also prohibited. Persons getting sick onboard will be assessed a \$50 cleanup fee.

SafeRide will operate on an extended schedule from 6:30 p.m. until 2:30 a.m. to serve its existing service area only; vans will pick up and drop off in the parking lot just south of Mendenhall Student Center to avoid delays at the bus stop.

## **HALLOWEEN HAVOC**

The non-alcoholic student event offered by ECU starts at 10 p.m. and ends at 1:45 a.m. (prior to the time change) at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. It includes free food and beverages as well as games such as black light putt-putt and a haunted house.

All participants are required to present a ticket. Students can obtain a ticket at the Mendenhall Student Center ticket office, where they may also get a guest ticket until 9 p.m. on October 31; after 9 p.m., students may still get a student-only ticket at Minges. Students must present a One Card with their tickets for entry. There will be no re-entry into the event permitted. Event One staff will be on site to work the gates, along with Greenville Fire and Rescue for emergencies.