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Traffic pattern changes for Halloween

MARATHON, FL (Oct. 27, 2026) – The Monroe County Sheriff's Office will implement temporary traffic pattern changes and restricted neighborhood access behind the Florida Keys Marathon International Airport, from 6 to 10 p.m., on Halloween night, Saturday, Oct. 31.

According to a news release from MCSO, motorists can expect delays in these areas:
• **Dolphin Drive:** Reduced to one-lane inbound traffic only. All vehicular traffic entering the neighborhood must enter via Dolphin Drive.
• **Gulfstream Boulevard:** Designated as one-way traffic as vehicles route through the area.

• **Harbor Drive:** Designated as one-way outbound traffic only. All vehicles exiting the neighborhood must exit via Harbor Drive.

• **Traffic flow summary:** Dolphin Drive, Gulfstream Boulevard, and Harbor Drive will all operate strictly as one-way streets during event hours.

The Sheriff's Office will enforce road closures to all non-resident traffic on the following streets:
• Tuna Drive
• Shark Drive
• Bonito Drive
• Porpoise Drive
• Marlin Drive

Checkpoints will be established and access will be restricted to local residents. Drivers should be prepared to present proof of residence or state their destination.

Reduce speed, watch carefully for children, and adhere to all posted signs as well as directions from law enforcement. Pedestrians should wear reflective clothing and carry flashlights.

Sheriff's Office deputies will be out in force patrolling popular trick-or-treating areas.

Motorists should be aware that popular trick-or-treating hours are generally from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., so be especially alert during those times.



Some other general tips for all motorists:
- Slow down;
- Be especially alert in residential neighborhoods;
- Enter and exit driveways slowly;
- Eliminate any distractions inside your car; and
- Turn your headlights on earlier in the day.

And tips for trick-or-treaters:

- Kids should wear light-colored costumes with plenty of reflective tape;
- Take a flashlight;
- Look left, right, and left again when crossing the street;
- Trick-or-treat while it is still light outside;
- Children should be accompanied by an adult or an older sibling;
- Only visit well-lit houses;
- Never accept rides from strangers;
- An adult should inspect the candy received; and
- Avoid homes with dogs loose in the yard.

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