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## DeKalb Police Press Release

There have been recent reports in the national media concerning subject dressing as clowns with the intent to scare the public, commonly described as “clowning”. These incidents are not simple cases of kids in costumes enjoying a party and trick-or-treating, but more deliberate acts designed to cause a disturbance in our community.

The DeKalb Police Department has also had some recent reports of “clowning” and will investigate each report fully. While it is not illegal to wear any costume, intentional acts that alarm the public may result in criminal charges. The Police Department will also have additional officers working during the Halloween holiday to ensure that everyone enjoys it safely.

The DeKalb Police Department encourages everyone to enjoy the Halloween season responsibly and discourages any “clowning” activities. We further encourage any person to report all suspicious activity to the police department at 815-748-8400 or report all emergencies to 911.

The DeKalb Chamber of Commerce also offers coordinated Halloween events, including the Downtown DeKalb “Spooktacular” on 10/27/16. More information on this event can found at [www.dekalb.org](http://www.dekalb.org).

Please contact Commander Woodruff with any questions.  
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