

## Newport News Sheriff's Office Helps Kids Trick Or Treat From Car Trunks

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amilies dressed up in costumes and spent an evening together at the Doris Miller Community Center for the 4th Annual Trunk or Treat event. The Newport News Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism organized the function as a safe Halloween trick or treating alternative. Children go from trunk to trunk picking up candy supplied by Parks & Rec. Two of those trunks belonged to the Newport News Sheriff's Office—Corporal S. Chapman handed out candy from the back of his marked Charger, and

Community Resource Office Vicky Gaffney did the same from the Recruitment Car.

Children ranged from infants in strollers to young teenagers trying to pass themselves off as 12 year olds, the cutoff age for the goodies giveaway. Costumes and characters were as wide ranging as ages. There was everything from beautiful princesses to scary zombies. Eight-year-old Miyana dressed up as a doctor because that's what she wants to be when she grows up. "I'm having fun," she said.





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Ieisha Anderson, mother of three-year-old IaeOuan Hunt, said she appreciated the family-friendly atmosphere. "It's very exciting. This is the first year he's actually enjoyed it you know; the last two years he was too young to know what was going on. So he's excited pointing to everything that he knows, 'Mom look at this, look at the doggies, the clowns and the firemen, police.' He recognizes everything. He's very smart," she added. But he must also be a little devil, because that's the costume Mommy chose for him. "He doesn't like it except for the pitch fork," she said with a smile.

For Corporal Chapman, this was a chance to do something entirely different from his normal routine with the Newport News Sheriff's Office. On weekdays, he is a Civil Enforcement Deputy; nights and weekends, you'll find him working extra duty providing security at various functions. But for Halloween, it was all fun. Chapman said, "I enjoyed handing out the candy and seeing the children have a safe and enjoyable Halloween." Chapman also saw the event as an opportunity to demonstrate the caring side of a Deputy Sheriff. He continued, "It was a chance to show that the Sheriff's Office is there to help out. I believe we have a responsibility to our community to provide positive role models."



Dressed as a doctor, eight-year-old Miyana and her mother enjoy a safe alternative to trick or treating.



Corporal S. Chapman hands out candy from the back of his cruiser as parents and children enjoy a festive, safe Halloween.



Corporal S. Chapman shows the tender side of a Newport News Sheriff's Office Deputy.



Three-year-old JaQuan Hunt has a bucket to fill with candy at the Trunk or Treat event held on Halloween.