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PUMPKINS WITH THE POLICE

The National City Police Department will host its first ever "Pumpkins with the Police" event at the Plaza Bonita Shopping Center Pumpkin Station from 0900-1000 hours on Thursday, October 19, 2023. NCPD has *pre-invited* forty 3rd grade students from a local elementary school to participate in this event as part of a holiday field trip. Students will get to pick out a pumpkin of their choice and decorate it, learn about pumpkin agriculture and the origin of Halloween, and enjoy other pumpkin patch activities with officers and our professional staff.

This event was inspired by NCPD Officer Monique Hawk, who has a passion for pumpkins, police, and community. Officer Hawk is known on a national level for her unique and creative pumpkin carving abilities. Her pumpkin carving creations have been featured on network television, to include a series on the Food Network. Officer Hawk will be at this event!

Members of the media are encouraged and welcome to attend this event. The event will take place at the Pumpkin Patch, which is located on the northeast end of the Westfield Plaza Bonita Mall - 3030 Plaza Bonita Road, National City. NCPD will be on site 30-45 minutes before the event kicks off in order to prepare for the students' arrival.

PLEASE NOTE: This event has been pre-planned with a local elementary school and is not open for the general public to attend. This media release is specifically intended to invite the media to attend.

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