For the protection and safety of ESF students, faculty, staff and neighbors, the ESF University Police is rebroadcasting this Public Safety Notice from S.U. DPS:

Nearly every Halloween, rumored threats involving sexual assaults on sorority members are brought to our attention. Though these rumors are uncorroborated, we investigate any and all threats of sexual assault. Despite chatter on social media channels, at this time, there is no evidence to substantiate these threats or rumors. Please be aware that – due to Halloween and the anticipated increased social activity on and around campus – we have additional patrols working this evening and through the weekend. The Syracuse Police Department (SPD) has also committed to increasing their patrols during the same time period. We, in close partnership with the SPD, are working vigorously to maintain a safe campus community.

Our chief priority is and will always be the safety of our students, faculty, and staff. As such, the following units will continue its vigilance on and around our campus:

- **Orange Watch patrols**, which focuses on expanded DPS presence in key areas on North and South campuses and in the neighborhoods north and east of campus.
- The **University Area Crime-control Team (UACT) patrols**, which is staffed jointly by the DPS and the SPD and patrols in the immediate off-campus and fraternity/sorority neighborhoods focused on robbery and burglary suppression.

In addition, we will continue to:

- Monitor social media channels, talk with and listen to community members, assess reported threats and take action as appropriate.
- Increase our campus patrols’ focus on patrolling the outskirts of campus to prevent the victimization of community members.

We are constantly evaluating our practices to ensure that we are responsive to the safety concerns of our campus and surrounding neighborhoods. We encourage open dialogue with our community and urge you to report anything suspicious. There are also a number of services available to our campus community members to help keep them and make them feel safe. Don’t hesitate to call for a safety escort (315.443.SAFE) and please sign up for the LiveSafe App on your smartphone, which acts as a mobile blue light, allowing you to contact the DPS Emergency Communications Center with the touch of a button and transmit your physical location during the call. We also have a list of safety strategies that we urge you to review.