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CSOSA JOINS LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY SAFETY ON HALLOWEEN

Washington, DC – On October 31, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) will join local law enforcement to promote safety and supervision compliance during Halloween. CSOSA's Community Supervision Officers (CSOs) will work with our long-standing partners at the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) to conduct accountability tours, which are scheduled and unscheduled visits to the homes and places of employment of high-risk adults on probation, parole, and supervised release in the District of Columbia, within every district.

During the Smithsonian's annual National Zoo and Conservation Biology "Boo at the Zoo" event, October 28 – 30, CSOs will implement special risk reduction strategies to ensure CSOSA supervisees comply with the terms of their release in order to reduce recidivism, increase public safety, and promote supervision success.

Purposeful contact with our supervisees ensures they avoid behaviors and activities that could put them in non-compliance with the terms of their community supervision. "We believe in taking a proactive approach to community supervision," said Lorenzo G. Hopkins, CSOSA Branch Chief. "We are out in the community year-round supporting the safety of our neighborhoods and the success of our supervisees."

Throughout the year, CSOSA CSOs participate in community walks and engage the community, particularly in high-crime areas, to maintain a presence and offer support.

ABOUT THE COURT SERVICES AND OFFENDER SUPERVISION AGENCY

CSOSA is a federal agency supervising adults on probation, parole, and supervised release in the District of Columbia. Over the course of fiscal year 2022, CSOSA supervised nearly 10,000 unique individuals with an average daily population approaching 7,000 supervisees.

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