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Police monitoring social media for disruptive behavior *Posts refer to possible clown activity in schools*

LITTLE ELM (October 5, 2016) Stating that the department is committed to maintaining safety and security throughout Town, the Little Elm Police Department is monitoring social media posts involving the so-called “dangerous clowns.”

Several postings have come to the attention of the Police Department and the Little Elm ISD, placing the Town’s School Resource Officers on alert for any such activity.

“These postings are similar in nature to others that have been made in the DFW area and other states during the past couple weeks,” said Police Chief Rodney Harrison. “In many of those instances, arrests have resulted from such activity. We are prepared to provide our citizens, of all ages, the highest level of protection. Their safety is our number one concern.”

Claims on social media are taken seriously, and in this case, at least two schools have been specifically mentioned for clown activity this Friday.

“While we are reasonably certain these clown threats are not credible, the Little Elm Police Department takes all threats very seriously and will take measures to protect our citizens,” he added.

In addition, the Police Department is encouraging parents and guardians to have conversations within their families regarding this matter.

As always, suspicious behavior should be immediately reported to the Little Elm Police Department either through the non-emergency dispatch line at (940) 349-1600, option 9, or by dialing 9-1-1 if the incident is considered an emergency.

Town and district officials advise residents to remain calm and forward any pertinent information to the Police Department.

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ABOUT LITTLE ELM – Little Elm is one of the state’s fastest growing communities. Nestled on the shores of Lake Lewisville, the Town was incorporated in 1966, adopting the Council/Manager form of government. The population increased dramatically over the last several years, growing from under 4,000 in 2000 to over 30,000 today. Little Elm’s population exceeds the state average in education and income, and is increasingly trending younger and technologically proficient. The Town’s footprint is just over 21 square miles and boasts some 66 linear miles of shoreline within its boundaries.