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House of Horrors and surrounding businesses beef up security

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CHEEKTOWAGA, N.Y. (WIVB) -- - If you're heading to the House of Horrors and Haunted Catacombs in Cheektowaga soon, you'll notice more security this year.

Cheektowaga Police say they're beefing up security after two people were arrested in the parking lot during opening weekend.

The parking lot along Union Road in Cheektowaga is mostly empty now, but outside the House of Horrors it was a somewhat scary sight for businesses this past weekend.

"About 300 in the parking lot all at one time," said Assistant Chief Jim Speyer with Cheektowaga Police. Cheektowaga Police say hundreds of unsupervised teenagers were causing problems.

"Some of them were giving the different businesses around there a hard time. they went into Ted's and they went into Sonic, and were not buying anything, they were just loitering, causing trouble," said Chief Speyer.

Assistant police chief Jim Speyer says at least two people were arrested for disorderly conduct.

"There were some fights starting to break out and that type of thing," said Speyer.

Many businesses are now trying to prevent another scary situation by upping their own security during the Halloween season.

Chief Speyer says police are working with the House of Horrors and surrounding businesses.

"We also met with Sonic and Ted's, they are putting on extra security and the House of Horrors doubled their security," said Speyer.

House of Horrors says it has security every weekend and hasn't had any problems inside.

Management says there will now be at least 12 off duty police officers on busy nights like Fridays and Saturdays.

Speyer says it's just a precaution to prevent any chaos this Halloween season and he hopes parents will help.

"We want parents to make sure they're picking their kids up on time, not just letting them linger, that's when trouble starts," said Speyer.

The manager of the House of Horrors and he says he's working on have a police squad car in the parking lot as well.

In addition to extra security, Chief Speyer says some businesses plan to work on better lighting in their parking lots.

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