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## CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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The Caldwell Police Department is proud to unveil the Autism Awareness patrol car. This patrol car is a symbol of support for people with autism, and its mission is to spread autism awareness. Autism, or autism spectrum disorder (ASD), refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication.

The car will be highlighted at the Treasure Valley Night Light Parade in Caldwell on December 2 at 6 p.m. Caldwell's own Kylie Welch, 2023 National Miss Voice for Autism, will be riding in the Autism Awareness car during the parade. Prior to the parade, an unveiling and opportunity to photograph the car will take place at the Caldwell Police Department (110 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.) on December 2 at 4:30 p.m. with Kylie in attendance.

We want to thank The Sign Shoppe of Caldwell who worked with Caldwell PD to design this special patrol car. This car joins five other specialty cars in the CPD fleet, a College of Idaho car, a Pink Ribbon Breast Cancer Awareness car, the CPD Domestic Violence Awareness car, Caldwell Night Rodeo, and the Caldwell High School patrol car unveiled this past summer.