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MPD observes Child Passenger Safety Week

The Governor's Office of Highway Safety along with law enforcement agencies across the state will observe Child Passenger Safety Week, slated for Sept. 17-23.

Child Passenger Safety Week culminates with National Seat Check Saturday on Sept. 23. Certified child passenger safety technicians will be available at car seat events nationwide to provide safety tips and car seat installation instructions to parents and caregivers.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), car crashes are a leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 13.

Car seats and boosters provide protection for infants and children in a crash, yet car crashes are a leading cause of death for children in this age range. For this reason, it's important to choose and use the right car seat correctly every time your child is in the car.

"A properly sized and installed car seat is critical to ensuring the safety of children in the event of a traffic accident. As we are proactive in enforcing child safety seat law, we also want to be proactive in assisting people with obtaining and installing this important part of occupant safety," said Maj. John Davis, MPD Patrol Commander.

The purpose of Child Passenger Safety Week is to educate and urge parents and caregivers to protect their child's future at every stage of life by making sure they secure them in the correct car seat for their age, height, and weight.

It's important for parents to find the right car seat and install the car seat correctly in order to keep their child safe.

"One of the most important things in the world is your son or daughter. Why not take the time to ensure your child is secured in the correct child safety seat," said Officer David Descoteaux of MPD's Specialized Patrol Unit. "The smallest detail could be missed that could lead to an injury if you and your child are involved in an automobile accident."

Descoteaux and other certified child car seat technicians are available for seat checks at the police department.

“I and other officers with the Milledgeville Police Department have specialized training in child safety seat installation. Please take advantage of our time, you may learn something you never knew before,” he said.

During Child Passenger Safety Week, officers will be visiting local daycares during pick up time to check child car seats.

If you are in need of a child car seat check, call 478-414-4041 or 478-414-4012 to make an appointment to come to the police department.

To learn more about car seat types, how to properly install them and to check car seat recommendations for your child’s age, height, and weight visit <https://www.nhtsa.gov/equipment/car-seats-and-booster-seats>.

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