Sheriff’s Office And Texans In Motion Announce Child Passenger Safety Week

On September 2, 2009, at 10am, there will be a news conference at the Polo Area of Zilker Park (2100 Barton Springs Rd., Austin, TX). The Travis County Sheriff’s Office, in partnership with Texas in Motion, will announce Child Passenger Safety Week, September 12 through 18, 2009, and hold a safety seat inspection from 10 AM -1 PM. (The inspections are by appointment only. This is a FREE service and anyone interested can schedule an appointment by calling (512) 854-3248 or (512) 854-7786.)

Texans in Motion will have The Roll-Over Convincer on hand to simulate the hazards of improper child passenger restraint during a roll-over vehicle collision and will assist the Sheriff’s Office in conducting safety seat inspections. The Texas Department of Public Safety will also be in attendance.

Child Passenger Safety Week is a coordinated effort of the Kids In Safety Seats (KISS) Project in which area safety advocates, law enforcement, schools, child care groups, businesses, and the Texas Department of Transportation, team up to educate drivers and passengers of all ages to use the proper restraint system every time they get in a motor vehicle.

Effective September 1, 2009, this law requires drivers transporting a child younger than 8 years of age to be restrained in a child passenger safety seat system when traveling in a passenger vehicle unless the child is taller than 4’9”. Violators will be issued warnings until June 1, 2010, at which time citations will be issued.

For more information on this event or on Child Passenger Safety, contact Deputy Kimberly Orts at (512) 854-3248 or Texans in Motion at (512) 291-9844.

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