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DeKalb Police Department to Increase Patrols for Child Safety Seat Enforcement

Child Passenger Safety Week runs Sept. 17-23

The DeKalb Police Department today announced it is partnering with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for Child Passenger Safety Week, which runs Sept. 17-23, to help ensure the safety of young children traveling in our community.

“Most parents are dedicated to doing their best for their kids, so they utilize Child Safety Seats to ensure their kids are as safe as possible in their vehicles,” said Cmdr. McNett. “If you need us to verify that your child’s safety seat is installed correctly in your vehicle, contact us to arrange for a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician to doublecheck your installation. It will give you peace of mind.”

DeKalb Police will be increasing patrols during Child Passenger Safety Week to crack down on drivers who do not properly secure child passengers in their vehicles. Motorists are encouraged to call police if you notice a vehicle traveling on the roadways with small children sitting on an adult’s lap or walking and moving freely about the passenger compartment.

The latest research from NHTSA shows that 46% of car seats are misused. Common issues are children being in the wrong type of car seat for their age and size, and car seats being installed improperly — both of which leave children vulnerable to injury in a crash.

Using age- and size-appropriate car seats and installing them correctly are the best ways to reduce crash fatalities among children. According to NHTSA, more than a third of children 12 and younger who died in crashes in 2021 in cars, pickups, vans and SUVs were unbuckled. The No. 1 rule: Never let your children ride unbuckled — not even on a short trip.

The campaign is funded by federal traffic safety funds from NHTSA administered by IDOT.

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