



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK**

September 15 – 21, 2013 is Child Passenger Safety Week. The Tucson Police Department Traffic Enforcement Officers will deploy throughout the city during Child Passenger Safety Week focusing on car seat use. Arizona's child restraint law requires that every child under the age of eight must be properly secured in a federally approved child safety seat, appropriate to the child's height and weight. Officers observing violations of this law can stop a vehicle based solely on this violation.

Additionally, The Tucson Police Department, in partnership with Safe Kids Pima County, Tucson Medical Center and the Sunnyside School District will be hosting a car seat check and booster seat distribution at the Ocotillo Learning Center, 5702 S. Campbell. The event will be held in the north parking lot of the school on Saturday, September 21, 2013 from 9:00 to noon. Parents that have car seats are encouraged to come by for a free car seat check to ensure the seat has been properly installed. In addition to the car seat check, free booster seats will be available for children, 5 – 8 years old that are over 40 pounds and are not more than 4 feet nine inches tall.

Funding for this event was made possible through the Governor's Office of Highway Safety Occupant Protection Grant.

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**WHEN:** Saturday, September 21, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to noon **WHERE:** Ocotillo Learning Center, 5702 South Campbell Avenue

WHAT: Caregivers who want to check their car seat to make sure it is properly installed or need a booster seat for a child are invited to this child passenger safety event. Children must be present to receive a booster seat. Vehicles must have working lap and shoulder seat belts. Seats will be handed out on a first-come, first served basis until they run out.

TPD Nationally Certified Car Seat Technicians will be available to answer questions about car seats, booster seats and child passenger safety.

Any questions regarding the grant or deployment may be directed to Sgt. Mary Kay Slyter in the Traffic Division at 837-7250.

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