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### **GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY OCCUPANT PROTECTION TRAFFIC GRANT**

The Tucson Police Department is proud to announce the acceptance of the \$50,736.00 Occupant Protection Grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS). The grant funding will be used to heighten the awareness of the public to the hazards of non-seatbelt use and child restraint violations. This will be accomplished through public education using classroom and hands on training at public car seat check events and a comprehensive enforcement effort. Funding from this grant will be in effect from October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015.

On October 4, 2014, the Tucson Police Department will be participating in two safety events that will be open to the public. Nationally certified car seat technicians will be available to hand out information and answer questions about car seats and booster seats at the following locations:

**Kmart Annual Safety Fair**, 7055 E. Broadway, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Car seat technicians will be available to answer questions, demonstrate the proper use of car seats and will provide Child Passenger Safety information to parents and care givers.

**Home Depot Safety Awareness Event**, 1155 W. Irvington, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Car seat technicians will be providing Child Passenger Safety information to parents and care givers.

Booster seats will be provided to children that are: (child must be present)

5 to 8 years old

More than 40 pounds

Less than 4'9"

The Tucson Police Department's participation in these events was made possible through funding provided by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety Occupant Protection Grant. 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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