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CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK

On June 22-28, 2014, Traffic Enforcement Officers will deploy throughout the city, stopping vehicles for moving violations and equipment violations, while concentrating their efforts on seat belt and car seat usage. Violations of the seat belt laws are secondary violations in the State of Arizona, meaning that officers cannot stop vehicles based on this violation. However, if a driver is stopped for another violation and is not wearing their seatbelt, the driver can be cited for the seatbelt violation at that time.

Arizona's child restraint law requires that every child under the age of five must be properly secured in a federally approved child safety seat, appropriate to the child's height and weight. Each passenger who is at least five years of age, but less than eight years of age, and is not more than four feet nine inches tall, must be restrained in a child restraint system (booster seat). Officers observing violations of this law can stop a vehicle based solely on this violation.

Additionally, The Tucson Police Department, in partnership with Target Stores, Safe Kids Pima County and Tucson Medical Center will be hosting a car seat check at the Target Store located at 4040 N. Oracle. The event will be held in the store parking lot on Saturday, June 28, 2014 from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Parents that have car seats are encouraged to come by for a free car seat check to ensure the seat has been properly installed.

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

WHEN: Saturday, June 28, 2014 from 8:00 A.M to 11:00 A.M.

WHERE: Target Store, 4040 N. Oracle

WHAT: Caregivers who want to check their car seat to make sure it is properly installed. 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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