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### CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK

This week is national Child Passenger Safety Week. The Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety, in conjunction with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), would like to invite all Tucson citizens to join this year's Child Passenger Safety Week campaign to promote safe travels for our children. This is a nationwide effort to bring awareness to all parents and caregivers and help ensure the safety of young children traveling on roadways in our community and throughout Arizona.

The Tucson Police Department proudly participates in this campaign and is committed to child passenger safety during this week and every week of the year. As part of our commitment, the Tucson Police Department along with SafeKids Pima County will be hosting a FREE drive-through car seat inspection on Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at O'Reilly Chevrolet located at 6160 E. Broadway Blvd. At this event, parents and caregivers with car seat installation concerns can drive up to our event and have their car seat(s) examined by a certified car seat technician. Please have your child with you to make sure all straps and fittings are properly adjusted.

There will also be enhanced enforcement efforts focusing on child passenger safety laws during this week. Traffic Enforcement officers will deploy throughout the city during Child Passenger Safety Week focusing on the proper use of car seats and seat belts. Arizona's child restraint law requires that every child under the age of five or a child who is at least five but under eight years of age and who is not more than four feet nine inches tall must be properly secured in a federally approved child safety seat. Officers observing violations of this law can stop a vehicle based solely on this violation.

The funding for these activities was made possible through the Governor's Office of Highway Safety Occupant Protection Grant.

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