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One Size Does Not Fit All: Choose the Right Car Seat for Your Child

Sept. 15-21 is Child Passenger Safety Week

SANTA ANA, Ca. (Sept. 12, 2019) – The Orange County Sheriff's Department is joining law enforcement agencies, public health departments and other community organizations to raise awareness about the importance of keeping children in the correct car seat for their age and size.

The effort to promote car seat safety coincides with Child Passenger Safety Week, which is from Sept. 15-21.

Orange County Sheriff's Department deputies will be paying special attention to ensure drivers are using the correct child safety seat and securing children in their seats properly. Each of the Sheriff's Department substations have certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians who can assist residents with proper installation and proper use of child safety seats, upon request.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 46% of car seats are not used properly.

"Our goal is to educate parents and caregivers on how they can keep children riding in the car as safe as possible," said Sheriff's Department Sgt. Brent Jasper. "Over the years, requirements have changed so it's always good to remind drivers of what the law requires and encourage them to get their child safety seats checked."

Under California law, children under 2 weighing less than 40 pounds and less than 40 inches tall are required to be in a rear-facing car seat. Children under the age of eight or less than 4' 9" tall must be secured in a car or booster seat. The fine for not securing a child in the correct child safety seat is \$490.

To find the right seat for your child, visit the NHTSA website. To find a car seat fitting station near you, contact your local CHP area office or go to the California Office of Traffic Safety website for a listing of car seat programs statewide.

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