Kendall County Sheriff’s Office Receives a Grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation to Establish a Child Passenger Safety Program

The Kendall County Sheriff’s Office has been awarded a grant for $21,000 from the Illinois Department of Transportation to establish a Child Passenger Safety Program for the residents of Kendall County. Because of the grant, the Sheriff’s Office will be able to train our Deputies to certify them as Child Passenger Safety Technicians. Once certified our Deputies will be able to provide a free inspection or installation of your child’s safety seat. The grant also provides for the purchase of equipment and supplies to support the program.

Having your child safety seat checked by a certified technician is vital because many parents and caregivers do not install the car seat correctly or properly secure the child in the seat. Certified technicians are educated on the numerous types of child safety seats and vehicle restraint systems.

Typically, law enforcement is a reactive process. The Kendall County Sheriff’s Office wanted to address this problem in a more proactive and educational manner and have certified Deputies as Child Passenger Safety Technicians.

The Kendall County Sheriff’s Office encourages parents and caregivers to come into the Kendall County Sheriff’s Office for a “check-up” of their child’s restraint seat. Technicians will educate and assist you in your installation of the child restraint. Please call the Kendall County Sheriff’s Office’s non-emergency number at (630) 553-7500 ext. 1167 to schedule an appointment.
A “check-up” normally takes one half-hour and parents and caregivers are asked to bring their owners manuals for both their vehicle and child restraint seat to the "check-up". Although not mandatory, parents and caregivers are also asked to bring the child using the seat to the “check-up” to ensure proper fit. Child restraints can also be installed for expectant families and newly purchased seats.

Technicians from the Kendall County Sheriff’s Office will check your child restraint to make sure:

- Your seat is installed correctly
- Your seat has not been recalled
- Your seat meets safety standards
- Your seat is correct for your child

By establishing this program the Kendall County Sheriff’s Office hopes to help keep our smallest travelers safe while on the roadways in Kendall County.