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### **SHERIFF'S OFFICE REMAINS A LEADER IN CHILD SAFETY & ACKNOWLEDGES NATIONAL CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK**

**Freehold:** One of Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden's top priorities is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our children. That includes while they are passengers in a car, since motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of unintentional deaths to children. In fact, according to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration, car crashes are the leading cause of death for children ages one to 13.

"Many deaths and injuries can be prevented by the proper use of car seats, boosters and seatbelts," said Sheriff Golden. "That's why the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office is a leader in promoting and educating parents on the correct installation of child safety seats. We not only acknowledge this important cause during National Child Passenger Safety Week, which is September 23-29, but all year round."

The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office trained child safety seat specialists conduct inspections the second Wednesday of each month between 3:30pm and 6:30pm, at the Monmouth County Garage located at 240 Center Street in Freehold, NJ. In addition, the sheriff's office routinely offers informational seminars on the importance of utilization and proper installation of child safety seats as well as advises which car seat is the right one as a child grows. The agency also holds other inspections at various sites where events are held throughout the year.

"These events are vital in an effort to keep our children buckled up and properly restrained to ensure their utmost safety while riding in a vehicle." said Sheriff Golden.

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