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David Conklin
Chief of Police

I am pleased to announce that the Village of Tuxedo Park Police Department is now part of the **Safe Kids National Child Passenger Safety Seat Program**. This is a free service that we are offering to our residents to help keep children as safe as possible while riding in your vehicle.

One of our police officers recently attended a week-long training course and became certified as a Child Passenger Safety Seat Technician. His certification included inspecting already installed car seats, properly installing your car seat(s), recommending the safest location to install the car seat depending on the make and model of your vehicle, recommendations of the safest car seats on the market and he has an extensive list of car seats that have been recalled. Make an appointment to have your child's seat inspected and installed properly.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports the following statistics related to child passenger safety seats:

- On average, three children are killed and an estimated 487 are injured every day in the U.S. in traffic crashes.
- When the driver is buckled, children are restrained 92% of the time.
- When the driver is unbuckled, children are restrained about 68% of the time.
- Car seats decrease the risk of a fatal injury by 71% among infants, and 54% among toddlers.
- Booster seats reduce the risk of nonfatal injuries by 45% among four- to eight-year old children when compared to the seat belt alone.6
- **Car seats and booster seats are often used or installed incorrectly**. One study found that almost 46% of observed car seats and booster seats were misused. Misuse increases risk of injury or death.
- In 2017, it is estimated that 325 children under age five were saved because of restraint use. Over the period of 1975 through 2017, 11,606 lives of children under age five have been saved because of child restraint use.

To have you child passenger safety seat(s) inspected or properly installed, please call me at: 351-4741 or email: chief@tuxeopark-ny.gov.

Sincerely,

David Conklin
Chief of Police