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### ***Ferguson Township Police Department Announces National Child Safety Seat Training and Car Seat Safety Checks***

**State College, PA** – Beginning Tuesday, October 17 to Thursday, October 19, 2023, local and state enforcement officers as well as professionals from human service organizations will attend the nationally standardized Child Passenger Safety (CPS) training at Ferguson Township Municipal Building.

The three-day course combines classroom teaching, hands on skills training, and a car seat safety check to teach individuals how to become child passenger safety technicians. CPS technicians use their considerable knowledge and expertise at a variety of community-based activities, such as child safety seat checks, where parents and caregivers receive education and hands-on assistance. CPS technicians and instructors also keep up-to-date on the latest technical information about child passenger safety through seminars and other continuing education opportunities.

On Thursday, October 19, from 1:30 -3:30 pm parents and caregivers are invited to come to Bobby Rahal Honda at 2796 West College Avenue, State College for a public car seat safety check. Participants can ask questions and receive hands-on instruction from certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians on how to choose, correctly install, and use car seats and booster seats.

The technicians will be available to teach parents and caregivers how to choose the right car seat for a child's age and size, how to correctly install the seat in their vehicle, and how to use that seat correctly every time. They will also discuss the importance of registering car seats in case of a recall.

Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death and injury for children. According to national data, 46% of car seats are misused. Research shows that children are being placed in the wrong car seat for their age and size and the car seat is being installed improperly. The best way for parents and caregivers to keep children safe in vehicles is to select and use the right car seat for the child's age and size until the child is ready to use the vehicle lap and shoulder belt.

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