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Waltham Police Department Awarded Child Passenger Safety Grant

Grant Will Make Car Seats Available to Residents in Need

Waltham, Ma- The Waltham Police Department has recently been awarded a Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Equipment Grant that will be used to purchase car and booster seats for distribution to local families in need. The Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Office of Grants and Research- Highway Safety Division awarded grants totaling nearly \$170,000 to 65 local police and fire departments, regional non-profit agencies, and hospitals. **The Waltham Police Department** is one of over 225 car seat inspection sites in Massachusetts, with certified technicians available to ensure children's seats are installed correctly.

Nationwide, traffic crashes are a leading cause of death for children of all ages. Properly installed car and booster seats have been proven to reduce the risk of death and injury in crashes, yet the American Automobile Association (AAA) estimates that 75% of car seats are installed incorrectly.

"This grant helps us better serve families who find it difficult to afford car and booster seats to protect their children," said **Chief Keith MacPherson**. "We can also assist parents and caregivers with the proper installation of their child's seats. If you would like to schedule an appointment for inspection to ensure your seat is properly installed in your vehicle or for installation of a new seat, please **call our Officers that are certified technicians at 781-314-3623**.

For a full listing of car seat inspection sites statewide, please visit www.mass.gov/carseats.