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CHP Focuses on Protecting Our Most Precious Cargo – Our Children

Vallejo, CA – The California Highway Patrol (CHP) reminds all motorists to ensure children are secured in an appropriate car seat or seat belt, every time for every ride. Our children are our most precious cargo, and we must do everything we can to keep them safe.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has designated September 13-19, 2015 as the National Child Passenger Safety Week. During this week, CHP offices across the Bay Area will be conducting enhanced enforcement operations to detect seat belt and car seat violations, and will offer additional opportunities for free car seat inspections.

“Car crashes continue to be the leading cause of death for our children,” said Chief Paul Fontana of Golden Gate Division. “The CHP wants to do everything we can to ensure every child is safe on every ride. We encourage all parents and caregivers to schedule a free car seat inspection at their local CHP office.”

Current law requires all children to ride in the back seat, and to be secured in an appropriate car seat or booster seat until they reach 8 years of age or 4 feet 9 inches in height. The law requires all individuals age 8 and above to be properly secured in a seat belt at all times while in a vehicle.

According to NHTSA, nearly 60% of all car seats are installed incorrectly. Parents and guardians may contact any CHP office across the state to schedule a free car seat inspection. During these appointments, our trained Child Passenger Safety Technicians demonstrate how to properly install the car seat, and answer any and all questions about child passenger safety. Our primary goal is to ensure the safety of everyone on California’s roadways.

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National Child Passenger Safety Week Event Dates and Locations

Alameda County:

- Portola Valley Elementary School (Dublin) – September 19, 2015
- Car Seat Appointments at CHP Offices:
 - Castro Valley Area (21020 Redwood Road, Castro Valley) – Call 510-581-9028 to schedule
 - Dublin Area (4999 Gleason Road, Dublin) – Call 925-828-0466 to schedule
 - Hayward Area (2434 Whipple Road, Hayward) – Call 510-489-1500 to schedule
 - Oakland Area (3601 Telegraph Ave, Oakland) – Call 510-450-3821 to schedule

Contra Costa County:

- Car Seat Appointments at CHP Offices:
 - Contra Costa Area (5001 Blum Road, Martinez) – Call 925-646-4980 to schedule

Marin County:

- New Life Christian Church (Novato) – September 19, 2015
- Car Seat Appointments at CHP Office:
 - Marin Area (53 San Clemente Road, Corte Madera) – Call 415-924-1100 to schedule

Napa County:

- Walmart American Canyon (7011 Main Street, American Canyon)
- Car Seat Appointments at CHP Office:
 - Napa Area (975 Golden Gate Drive, Napa) – Call 707-253-4906 to schedule

San Francisco County:

- San Francisco Area Office (455 8th Street, San Francisco) – September 19, 2015
- Car Seat Appointments at CHP Office:
 - San Francisco Area (455 8th Street, San Francisco) – Call 415-557-1094 to schedule

San Mateo County:

- Car Seat Appointments at CHP Office:
 - Redwood City Area (355 Convention Way, Redwood City) – Call 650-369-6261 to schedule

Santa Clara County:

- Kohl's (2323 McKee Road, San Jose) – September 12, 2015
- Calvary Church of Campbell (203 Railway Ave, Campbell) – September 19, 2015
- Car Seat Appointments at CHP Office:
 - San Jose Area (2020 Junction Ave, San Jose) – Call 408-467-5400 to schedule

Solano County:

- Costco Vallejo Safety Week – September 16 through 18, 2015
- Car Seat Appointments at CHP Office:
 - Solano Area (3050 Travis Blvd., Fairfield) – Call 707-428-2100 to schedule

Sonoma County:

- Car Seat Appointments at CHP Office:
 - Santa Rosa Area (6100 Labath Ave, Rohnert Park) – Call 707-588-1400 to schedule