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Incident: Dunwoody Awarded Car Seat Mini-Grant

Date: February 10, 2017

Location: Dunwoody, GA

The Dunwoody Police Department was awarded the 2017 Car Seat Mini-Grant by the Georgia Department of Public Health, Injury Prevention Program. Through the Mini-Grant, the Dunwoody Police Department and the DeKalb County Fire Rescue Department work together to provide car seats and education to financially eligible families in DeKalb County. This program is funded by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety to help ensure Georgia's children are safe while riding in motor vehicles.

And it works! Since 2007, the education, car seats and booster seats provided through the Mini Grant prevented serious injury or death and saved over 300 of Georgia's children who were involved in crashes. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, car seats reduce fatal injuries by 71 percent among infants and by 54 percent among children ages 1 to 4 years in passenger cars. Car seats offer the best protection for children in the event of a crash, and they are most effective when installed and used correctly. Nearly three out of every four car seats are not used properly, placing children at unnecessary risk.

"It's our responsibility to keep our children safe," said Chief Grogan. "The Car Seat Mini-Grant is a great opportunity to help our community and help protect our children from serious injuries or death in motor vehicle crashes."

In DeKalb County, the Dunwoody Police Department, along with DeKalb County Fire Rescue Department, educate parents and caregivers on how to properly install and use car seats, offer car seat inspections and provide car seats and booster seats to financially eligible families. Through the Car Seat Mini-Grant, agencies supporting more than 130 counties are working to keep Georgia's children safe. These programs help families get their children buckled up right, every trip, every time.

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For more information about the DeKalb County Car Seat Mini-Grant or the Dunwoody Police Department car seat program, contact Katharine Tate at (678) 382-6918 or at katharine.tate@dunwoodyga.gov. If you would like information regarding other counties involved in the program, please contact the Georgia Department of Public Health's Child Occupant Safety Project via email at injury@dph.ga.gov or by calling (404) 679-0500.

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