Town of Brookhaven to Host the Free Child Safety Car Seat Check-Up Event at Brookhaven Town Hall on October 21

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Farmingville, NY - On Friday, October 21, the Town’s Department of Traffic Safety will conduct a Child Safety Car Seat Check-up from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The event, which is free to all residents, will be held in the north parking lot at Brookhaven Town Hall where child car seat safety specialists will inspect, properly tighten and secure your child safety car seat. Appointments are required and you must come with the seat installed in your vehicle and provide inspectors with the owner’s manual for both the seat and the vehicle.

Supervisor Mark Lesko said, "The purpose of our Child Safety Car Seat Check-up event is to help save lives. As a result of past car seat check-up events, we've learned that four out of five car seats are installed or used improperly, and that is far too many. I commend our Department of Traffic Safety for organizing this very worthwhile event and encourage all parents with small children to participate."

"Along with Safety Town and our bike rodeos this is another wonderful event to keep our children safe and sound," stated Councilwoman Connie Kepert.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, properly installed child safety seats can reduce fatal injury by 71% for infants and by 54% for toddlers from 1 to 4 years old. In addition, from 1975 through 2008, an estimated 8,959 lives were saved as a result of the proper use of child restraints.

To make an appointment for the Town's Child Car Safety Seat Check-up event, call the Department of Traffic Safety at 631-451-6337. You can find more information about this event and other Town sponsored events at www.brookhaven.com or by calling 451-TOWN.

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