Coram, NY - Earlier this year Superintendent Dan Losquadro held the Brookhaven Town Highway Department's first ever child car safety seat inspection. This week the Department will be participating in National Child Passenger Safety Week and National Seat Check Saturday by providing parents and guardians with free child car seat inspections and essential information about child passenger safety at no cost to taxpayers. The funding for the initiative comes from a grant provided by Governor Cuomo's Traffic Safety Committee to fund road safety programs for local children.

"As a parent, husband and Superintendent of Highways I realize how important it is to keep our children safe on the roadways," Superintendent Losquadro said. "It is disheartening to know many deaths and injuries could have been prevented by the proper use of car seats, boosters and seat belts. I strongly recommend parents to call and schedule an inspection of their child's safety seat to ensure it will provide the greatest degree of protection."

Child safety seats can reduce fatal injury by seventy one percent and by 54 percent for toddlers, ages one to four, according to seatcheck.org. Multiple studies also show seventy percent or more of safety seats are installed incorrectly.

New York State certified technicians will be checking child car seats to be sure they are installed correctly and teaching residents how to properly install these seats themselves. Under the grant, a limited number of free seats will be available for qualifying Brookhaven residents.

The Child Passenger Safety Program will take place Saturday, September 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Setauket Fire Station #3, located at 394 Nicolls Road, (just north of Sycamore Drive) East Setauket, NY 11733. Inspections are by appointment only. To schedule an inspection, please call 631-363-3770.

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