



# Press Release

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## Kilgore Police Host Child Safety Seat Check

**Kilgore, TX --** The Kilgore Police Department will host a Child Safety Seat Check on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm in the large parking lot behind First Baptist Church, 501 E. North St., Kilgore, Texas.

The Kilgore Police Department maintains two Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians who will provide free, hands-on, car seat education and inspections during the event. The goal is to make sure all parents and caregivers are correctly securing all children in the right car restraint (rear-facing car seat, forward-facing car seat, booster seat or seat belt) for their ages and sizes.

Car seats, booster seats and seat belts save lives and offer the best protection for children in crashes and work best when used correctly!

- Car crashes are a leading cause of death for children 1 to 13 years old.
- During the 5-year period from 2007 to 2011, 3,661 children were killed in car crashes. In addition, an estimated 634,000 children were injured, more than the population of Boston, Massachusetts.
- Based on U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) crash data in 2011, on average, nearly 2 children under 13 were killed and 338 were injured every day while riding in cars, SUVs, pickups and vans.
- In 2011, over one third of children killed in car crashes were not in car seats or wearing seat belts.

A simple car seat check is critical to the safety of our most precious resource, our children. Make plans to attend the child safety seat check.

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