



News Release

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UPCOMING CHILD SAFETY SEAT CHECKPOINT

The Hanover County Sheriff's Office, with the assistance of the New Kent County Sheriff's Office and the Richmond Chapter of Safety Angels, will conduct a Child Safety Seat Checkpoint on **Saturday, January 13, 2006**. The checkpoint will be located at the Patrick Pontiac Dealership (405 South Washington Highway, Ashland) from **10 a.m. until 2 p.m.**

Law enforcement Officers will be available to help install new child seats, inspect seats that have already been installed, and answer questions about child seat requirements. Safety Angel team members will be on site to provide parents, grandparents, and other caregivers with educational material aimed at providing information on how to prevent death and injuries to children due to car seat misuse.

According to Virginia Commonwealth University's Transportation Safety Training Center, there were fewer deaths of unrestrained children since the passage of recent child restraint laws in Virginia; however, several other child deaths have been attributed to:

- Use of an inappropriate type of restraint for the child's height, weight, and age,
- Incorrect installation of the seat itself, and
- Incorrect use of the child safety seat's restraint system.

Child Safety Seats can be complicated to select, install, and use, so everyone who transports children is encouraged to take advantage of these FREE services!

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