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ST. LUCIE COUNTY SHOWS SUCCESS WITH CHILD PASSENGER SEATS

St. Lucie County Fire District & Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie

~Celebrates Program Year on Child Passenger Seat Install~

(St. Lucie County, FL) – Beginning last spring, through combined efforts of the St. Lucie County Fire District, the Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County and Kids Connected By Design over 500 child passenger seats were installed. In addition, they have inspected 216 seats, with only 42 of those installed correctly, or 80% installed incorrectly by parents or guardians.

“This means there are 500 infants and toddlers who are safer today, because in their travels they are safely buckled into a car seat,” said St. Lucie County Fire Chief Ron Parrish, “but just as importantly 216 others are also safe, as parents can be reassured that their seats are installed correctly.”

Nationally, 75% of all car seats are installed improperly. To solve this problem the Fire District with the DOH in St. Lucie and Kids Connected By Design launched this program, training 27 firefighters and employees as Child Passenger Seat Technicians.

Child Safety Seat inspections and installations are held twice a month, but appointments are needed. Call 462-3501 to schedule your appointment

When scheduling your appointment, please have the following information:

- Age and weight of the child
- Make, model and year of the vehicle
- Manufacturer, name and model number of the car seat.

If you don't have a car seat, there are a limited number of car seats available. We ask for a \$20 donation. You must bring your child, car seat and vehicle to the appointment.

Please bring the User's Manuals for both the vehicle and car seat.

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