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Orange County Fire Authority Launches Car Seat Inspection & Installation Program

In an effort to ensure parents and caregivers have the most up-to-date information and training to install child car seats correctly, OCFA is now offering free car seat safety inspections and installations. Approximately twice a month, a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician will be available for one-on-one sessions to check and install car seats at our headquarters in Irvine. The service is free and available to all residents in our service area. To request a car seat installation visit OCFA.org/CarSeatInstallation

"Orange County Fire Authority is proud to offer this free, life-saving service," said OCFA Fire Chief Brian Fennessy. "A properly installed car seat can reduce a child's risk of death or injury by up to 71 percent, and yet more than half of all car seats are installed incorrectly. Together with the parents and caregivers in our service region, we aim to change that, making Orange County a safer place for our children."

OCFA Board Chair Michele Steggell stated on behalf of all Directors: "This life-saving program is provided with existing resources and personnel and highlights the value OCFA provides all our members." Inspections and installations are conducted by existing OCFA staff that currently provide fire and life safety education to the community."

"I appreciate OCFA moving forward with this critical initiative," said OCFA Director and Orange County Supervisor Don Wagner who requested this program be provided by OCFA. "The data shows the need for this program, given the tragic risks of improper car seat installations. I am happy to spearhead it and thank my fellow Board members, and staff, for providing an important safety resource for our community."

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