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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Type of Incident: *Car Seat Safety Check Event*

Date/Time of Incident: Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: 568 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes

Officers/Agencies Involved: Mammoth Lakes Police Department, California Highway Patrol

Car Seat Safety Check Event

Mammoth Lakes, CA – The Mammoth Lakes Police Department invites local families to a car seat safety check event at the Mammoth Lakes Police Department (568 Old Mammoth Road) from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday, September 23, 2017.

The event is part of Child Passenger Safety Week, a national initiative which runs from September 17 – 23, 2017, where officers from the Mammoth Lakes Police Department and California Highway Patrol will ensure each car seat meets federal safety guidelines, is properly installed, and educate parents and caregivers on how to choose the correct car seat. The event is free and no appointments are necessary.

As of January 1, 2017, California requires that children under 2 years old must be rear-facing unless they weigh 40 pounds or more, or are at least 40 inches tall. Children under 8 years old must be buckled into a car seat or booster in the back seat. Children age 8 or older, or who are 4'9" or taller, may use the vehicle seat belt if it fits properly with the lap belt low on the hips, touching the upper thighs, and the shoulder belt crossing the center of the chest. If children are not tall enough for proper belt fit, they must ride in a booster or car seat.

For each child under 16 who is not properly secured, parents (if in the car) or drivers can be fined more than \$500 and get a point on their driving records.

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