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Media Release

Type of Incident: Crack Down on Child Restraint Violations

Incident Occurred: Boone County, MO

Date & Time: September 19 – 25, 2010

Missouri law requires all children under the age of eight to be in an appropriate child safety seat or booster seat unless they are 80 lbs or 4'09" tall. Missouri law also requires all children, under the age of 16, to be securely fastened in a properly adjusted safety belt if they do not meet the requirements for child safety seats or booster seats. These are primary offenses, which means a motorist can be stopped solely for violations of these laws.

The Boone County Sheriff's Department is joining with law enforcement agencies around the state September 19 - 25, 2010 for an aggressive Child Passenger Safety Week law enforcement campaign to crack down on Missouri's child safety seat law violators and to reduce highway fatalities and injuries to children. These additional enforcement efforts are funded by grant money provided by MoDOT's Highway Safety Office and the Missouri Safety Center.

Car crashes are the number one killer of children. Nearly 73 percent of all child restraints are not used correctly. Please utilize appropriate child restraints for your children and follow the manufacturers recommendations for their use.

Child safety seat and safety belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes. Is your child safe?

For more information, visit www.savemolives.com.

Release date and time: September 18, 2010 at 10:00 hours

**Release authorized by: Sergeant Brian Leer
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Traffic Enforcement Unit**