

SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE



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PRESIDING OFFICER GREGORY CO-SPONSORS CAR SEAT INSPECTION EVENT



Presiding Officer Gregory speaks with a parent while her car seats are being inspected.

Amityville, NY – Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory recently teamed up with the Suffolk County Police Department, Amityville Police Department and EAC Network’s Safe Start program to conduct free child safety seat inspections. The inspections ensure children are properly and safely restrained in a vehicle, as well as educating parents on how to correctly install and use child safety seats.

Motor vehicle crashes are one of the leading causes of death of children in this country. The latest research from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that approximately 46 percent of car and booster seats are misused in a way that could reduce their effectiveness and that proper car seat use reduces the risk of death by 71 percent for infants and by 54 percent for toddlers.

“The importance of making sure that our children are as safe as they can be while traveling in vehicles cannot be overstated,” said Presiding Officer Gregory. “EAC Network’s staff, technicians and volunteers do a tremendous job of raising awareness of the steps all parents can take to make sure they are

transporting their little ones safely. I would like to give a special thanks to the Suffolk County Police Department and Amityville Police Department for participating in this important event.”

As part of Governor Cuomo’s Traffic Safety Committee’s “Safe New York” initiative, the EAC Network partners with local police departments to provide free child seat safety inspections for residents. The inspection takes less than 15 minutes and includes a safety check of the car seat and verification that it is properly installed and appropriate for the intended child passenger. A car seat that is found to be defective or inappropriate can be exchanged for a new seat, free of charge.

“Three out of four car seats are incorrectly installed, leading to a greater risk of injury and death in a motor vehicle accident,” said Angela Brockmann, Supervisor for EAC Network. “More than one-third of children 12 and younger who died in crashes in 2014 were unbuckled and many could have survived if they had been properly buckled in. Using age and size-appropriate car seats and installing them correctly, is one of the best ways to reduce these tragedies.”

To schedule a car seat inspection appointment, contact EAC Network at (631)648-7100.

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