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Targets of Orange CT donates 8 Child Safety Car Seat and Booster Seats to City of West Haven Fire Department – Allingtown

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Targets of Orange CT Donates 8 Child Safety Car Seats for Fire Department Child Passenger Safety Seat inspection and installation program

West Haven CT – Every day in America, millions of parents and caregivers travel with children in their vehicles. While some children are buckled in properly in the correct car seats for their ages and sizes, many are not, if they are buckled up at all. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 46% of car seats are misused. To help combat this issue, **Target’s in recognition of the City of West Haven Fire Department - Allingtown** efforts to provide additional Public Services to the community donated 8 brand new child safety car seats to be used in conjunction with the department’s newly established program. The installation and inspection program is dedicated to helping parents and caregivers make sure their children ride as safely as possible – *every trip, every time*. The National Child Passenger Safety Program through *Safe Kids Worldwide* installation and inspection certification requires that spare replacement seats be immediately on hand in the event the trained technicians come across a non-compliant or ineffective car seat during the inspection.

The City of West Haven Fire Department - Allingtown will conduct Child Safety Car Seat clinics which are planned to be held twice a month primarily at their Minor Park station in West Haven at 318 Fairfax St. There will occasionally be additional clinics at other sites around the West Haven area. “Get your car seats checked. Make sure they’re installed correctly, and that your kids are in the right seats and are buckled in correctly. Even if you think your child’s car seat is installed correctly, get it checked with a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, so you can be sure that your child is the safest he or she can be while traveling.”

NHTSA recommends keeping children rear-facing as long as possible, up to the top height and weight allowed by their particular seats. Once a child outgrows the rear-facing-only “infant”



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car seat, he/she should travel in a rear-facing “convertible” or all-in-one car seat. Once your child outgrows the rear-facing size limits, the child is ready to travel in a forward-facing car seat with a harness and tether. After outgrowing the forward-facing car seat with harness, children should be placed in booster seats until they’re the right size to use seat belts safely.

Always remember to register your car seat and booster seat with the car seat manufacturer so you can be notified in the event of a recall. Parents and caregivers can view more information on car seat safety and locate a certified technician at www.nhtsa.gov/therightseat.

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