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Safe Communities Campaign at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Promotes Child Passenger Safety Week, New Safety Materials

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas –The Safe Communities Driver Safety Campaign at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi reminds the Coastal Bend community that National Child Passenger Safety Week is from Saturday, Sept. 12, through Friday, Sept. 18.

Under new Texas law, children must be restrained in an age approved car safety seat or booster seat until the age of 8 or until they reach 4’9” in height. In addition, all rear seat passengers, regardless of age, must use safety belts if not secured in a safety seat or booster seat.

Parents can have car and booster seats checked for proper installation by the Injury Prevention Program’s (IPP) car seat technicians at Driscoll Children’s Hospital. The car, seat, and child must be present at the appointment to guarantee correct installation. To schedule an appointment, call 361.694.6700.

In addition, the Safe Communities Driver Safety Campaign is involved with the following projects.

- **Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Campaign:** The Texas Department of Transportation is sponsoring a new motorcycle safety and awareness campaign due to an upward trend in motorcycle injuries and fatalities. The Look Live Learn campaign Web site at <http://www.looklearnlive.org/> offers information and services, presentation downloads, videos, brochures, wallpapers, and posters on motorcycle safety. Visitors may sign-up for a Texas Transportation Institute newsletter and find links to motorcycle rider groups and additional informative sites. New and young motorcycle riders are required to take a safety course. Dates and locations can be found on the Web site. The Safe Communities Campaign can

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offer a motorcycle safety brochure designed locally.

- **New Driving Safety Materials:** New driving safety materials funded by the Texas Department of Transportation and produced by the National Safety Council for the State of Texas may be found at <http://www.txdrivingconcern.org>. The Web site permits the ordering of materials on driving while intoxicated, safety belt use, underage drinking and driving, collision prevention and other topics. The materials are free, appropriate for drivers of all ages, available in various formats in packets of 150, and shipped at no cost with delivery within two weeks. The Safe Driving Campaign can provide these items locally.

For more information or to request materials, brochures or to schedule presentations, call 361.825.2551; or e-mail safe.communities@tamucc.edu.

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