



CHILD SAFETY FUND REQUEST

Dear Commissioners Court,

The Passenger Safety Project, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation provides valuable traffic safety information and education to people throughout Texas. The goal of the project is to reduce motor vehicle fatalities and injuries and their associated costs. The project's primary focus is on increasing child restraint and safety belt usage.

Misuse of child safety seats is estimated to be as high as 90%, due in part to the complex issue of compatibility between vehicle seats, safety belts, and child safety seats. Given that fact, it is essential that parents and care givers know how to correctly install a child safety seat in any vehicle. Education plays a critical role in each child safety seat checkup. Education takes place during installation of the child safety seat. Caregivers are not simply given a seat, but are able to apply best practices to ensure that their children are safely restrained.

I am requesting \$1500.00 from the Child Safety Fund, for purchasing a minimum amount of safety seats so the Extension Office can function as a checkup location. Through the Passenger Safety Project, all seats are purchased at discount from Evenflo. These seats will be used to help families and organizations that are in need of proper safety seats. In previous years, the County Extension Office has been able to assist numerous families through this service.

I hope that the Court will continue to sponsor this service to ensure that the youngest residents of Sabine County continue to be as safe as possible while traveling on the road.

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