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## **Lt. Governor Matt Denn Makes Sure His Children Are Not Riding At Risk**

***Has his twin sons' child safety seats checked at OHS Fitting Station***

**Wilmington** – Like most parents, Delaware Lt. Governor Matt Denn wants to do all he can to protect his children. That's why he decided to have his twin sons' child safety seats inspected by Office of Highway Safety Fitting Station Coordinator Larry Kelley on Thursday at the Wilmington DMV.

Fitting Stations are permanent locations where parents, grandparents, child care professionals or anyone else who routinely transport children can have the seats checked for correct installation. Nationally, four out of every five child safety seats are not properly installed and in Delaware, approximately 70% of car seats checked by certified technicians show some type of misuse – or improper installation. OHS operates four Fitting Stations in Delaware: one at the Wilmington, Dover, and Georgetown DMV's and also one at the Lewes Auto Mall.

At the Fitting Stations which are open year round, a certified child passenger safety technician will inspect the seat for any installation errors, check for recalls, and then work one on one with the parent to re-install the seat. In 2008, OHS Fitting Station Coordinators checked over 23-hundred child safety seats.

Larry Kelley who operates the Fitting Station at the Wilmington DMV, has personally checked approximately 5,000 car seats since he started with OHS in 2003. The Lt. Governor first visited Larry at the OHS Fitting Station when his boys were younger and he was Delaware's Insurance Commissioner. Now that they're older and he's moving them into different car seats which will accommodate their needs as they grow, he wanted to make sure the seats were

installed correctly. Lt. Governor Denn received hands on instruction Thursday on how to properly re-install the boys' car seats.

Child safety seat inspections at the OHS Fitting Stations are free. While appointments are recommended, walk ins are still welcome. To make an appointment at an OHS Fitting Station near you call 302-434-3234 in Wilmington, 302-744-2749 in Dover and 302-853-1014 in Sussex. You can also visit the Office of Highway Safety website at [www.ohs.delaware.gov](http://www.ohs.delaware.gov) and click on the Car Seat Fitting Stations link on the left side of the page for more information on days and hours of operation as well as learning more about Delaware's child passenger safety laws.

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