

# MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



**SAFE C.A.R.G.O.**

"Children And Restraints GO together"

**SHAUN GOLDEN, SHERIFF**



## A Message from Sheriff Shaun Golden

The Monmouth County Sheriff has instituted an agency-wide commitment to excellence. The men and women who serve here are dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of professionalism and excellence in the field. We will bring together the right team, provide the most comprehensive training, and utilize the latest technology to remain among the premier law enforcement agencies in the nation.

**SHERIFF SHAUN GOLDEN**

**THEODORE F. FREEMAN, JR**  
*Executive Undersheriff*

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*Undersheriff*

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**PHILIP E. MEEHAN**  
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*Warden*

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**MANAGEMENT**  
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*Coordinator*

**MONMOUTH COUNTY**  
**POLICE ACADEMY**  
**TERENCE P. MAHON**  
*Director*

**MONMOUTH COUNTY**  
**FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE**  
**CRAIG FLANNIGAN, SR**  
*Fire Marshal*

As testament to our commitment the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office is the only county in the state to achieve "Five Star" accreditation of the Law Enforcement Division, the Corrections Division, Correctional Healthcare, the Communications Division, and the Monmouth County Police Academy. We serve as a role model to other Law Enforcement Agencies throughout the state and will continue to raise the standard of law enforcement excellence in New Jersey. Teamwork, training and technology are three essential tools the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office uses to ensure our county remains a great place to live, work and raise a family.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shaun Golden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

# *New Jersey's Car Seat Law*



## **Any child under the age of 8 years old and a height of 57 inches shall be secured as follows in the rear seat of a motor vehicle:**

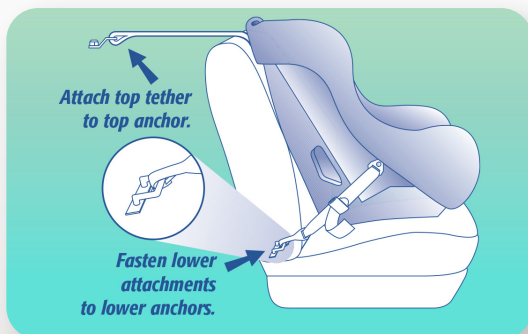
- A** A child under the age of 2 years and 30 pounds shall be secured in a rear-facing seat equipped with a 5-point harness.
- B** A child under the age of 4 years and 40 pounds shall be secured as described in (a) until they reach the upper limits of the rear-facing seat, then in a forward-facing child restraint equipped with a 5-point harness.
- C** A child under the age of 8 and a height of 57 inches shall be secured as described in (a) or (b) until they reach the upper limits of the rear-facing or forward-facing seat, then in a belt positioning booster seat.
- D** A child over 8 years of age or 57 inches in height must be properly secured by a seat belt.

**If there are no rear seats, the child shall be secured as described above in the front seat except that no child shall be secured in a rear-facing seat in the front seat of any vehicle that is equipped with an active passenger-side airbag. The aforementioned is acceptable if the airbag is de-activated.**

# Simple Facts About LATCH

## *(Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children)*

- LATCH is a system that makes child safety seat installation easier—without using seat belts. LATCH is required on child safety seats and most vehicles manufactured after September 1, 2002.
- LATCH is not required for booster seats, car beds, and vests.
- Attachments on a LATCH-equipped child safety seat fasten to lower anchors and a tether anchor in a LATCH-equipped vehicle.
- The top tether strap is located at the top rear of convertible child safety seats, forward-facing toddler seats, and combination seats. Most rear-facing infant seats do not have a top tether strap or hook as they do not generally use this equipment for installation.
- The lower anchor straps are attached to the rear of the child safety seat. Most U.S. child safety seats come with flexible lower attachments. There are a few models of child safety seats that have rigid lower attachments. Be sure to read the manufacturer's instructions.
- LATCH-equipped vehicles have lower anchors in the right and left rear seat positions. If the center seat doesn't have lower anchors, you can install your child safety seat securely using a seat belt.
- There are a minimum of three tether anchors (metal loops) in the vehicle. In sedans, these are usually located behind the vehicle's rear seat on the rear shelf. In some larger vehicles such as vans, pickup trucks, and SUVs, these anchor points may be found on the rear of a vehicle seat itself, on the floor, the roof, or other location. Be sure to carefully read your vehicle owner's manual to find out where they are in your particular vehicle and to avoid confusing them with other vehicle hardware such as luggage tie-downs.



# Simple Facts About LATCH

*(Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children)*

- If your vehicle isn't LATCH-equipped, use the seat belt to install the child safety seat and, if available, a top tether.
- If your child safety seat isn't LATCH-equipped, it's still safe to use as long as it has been correctly installed using a seat belt, hasn't been recalled, and hasn't been damaged.
- For correct installation and use of ALL child safety seats, ALWAYS follow your vehicle owner's manual and child safety seat manufacturer's instructions.
- Remember, children of all ages are safest when properly restrained in the back seat.

## Child Safety Seat Checkpoints

Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden along with the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Safe C.A.R.G.O. program schedule monthly child safety seat inspections at the location below:

**Monmouth County Garage**  
**240 Center Street**  
**Freehold, NJ 07728**

The inspections are free and are open to the public. Individual child safety seats are inspected for proper installation and manufacturer recalls. Trained child passenger safety technicians are available to teach parents the proper installation of any child safety seat and to answer any questions parents may have. Updated child safety brochures are handed out to each vehicle upon entering the checkpoint.

**For more information on scheduling call 732-431-6400 x1198  
or visit [www.mcsonj.org](http://www.mcsonj.org)**

# Seatbelt Safety

**Always wear safety belts properly - using both lap and shoulder belts when available.**

Children age 12 and under must ride buckled up in a rear seat in child safety seats or safety belts appropriate for their age and size.

Sit as far away from the steering wheel as practical. Try to maintain 10- 12 inches from the steering wheel hub to chest.

Never place the shoulder belt behind your back or under your arm.



**Adjust the lap belt to fit low and tight across your hips/pelvis, below your stomach area.**

Place the shoulder belt snug across your chest, away from your neck.

For pregnant women, place the lap portion of the safety belt under the abdomen as low as possible on the hip and across the upper thighs.

# Every Crash Has 3 Collisions

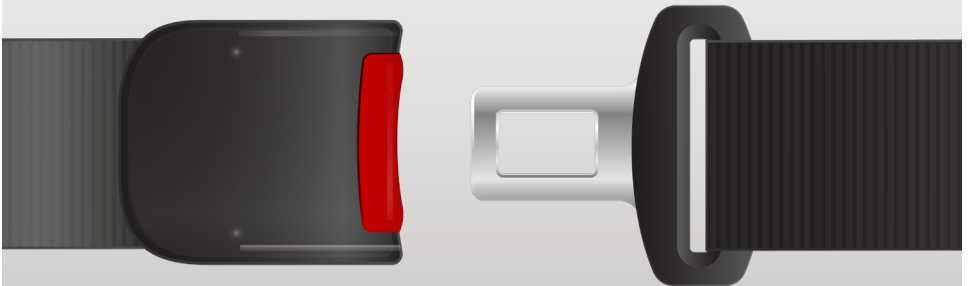
- 1** When the vehicle hits another object
- 2** When an unbelted passenger hits the steering wheel, dashboard or windshield
- 3** When internal organs hit the rib cage or skull

## Forces in a Crash

Multiply the weight of a passenger by the automobile's speed at impact to determine the approximate force of specific automobile crashes.

$$\text{(Force = Speed} \times \text{Weight)}$$

- In the front seat, an unbelted 180-pound man, at a vehicle speed of 50 mph, would strike the Vehicle's windshield at a force of about 9,000 pounds.
- A driver buckled in at 50 mph who is holding a 15-pound baby at impact requires strength equal to about 750 pounds of force to hold the baby.
- A 2-pound umbrella in the back seat of an automobile that is involved in a crash at 60 mph has potentially 120 pounds of force.



*Child restraint systems are often used incorrectly.*

**An estimated 46% of car seats and booster seats are misused in a way that could reduce their effectiveness.**



## PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

### PRESENTATIONS & DEMOS

- Bike Safety Demo
- Bullying, Cyberbullying, and the After Effects
- Dangers of Strangers
- Fraud Protection
- Gang Education & Awareness
- Internet Safety
- K9 Demo
- Mental Health Resiliency
- Opioid Awareness
- Risks and Facts on Vaping
- Seek 9-1-1
- Smart Driving

### MCSO PROGRAMS

- Career Day
- Citizen Police Academy
- E.V.A.C.S. Initiative
- MCSO Tours
- Sheriff Youth Week
- S.P.A. Tours (Student Professional Awareness)
- VISCOMP

### SERVICES

- Car Fit
- Flag Drop Box
- HOPE One
- Inmate Labor
- Know Your Zone
- Medicine Drop Box
- Project Lifesaver
- Safe CARGO

### PUBLIC SAFETY CARDS

- Refrigerator Card
- E.V.A.C.S. ID Program

For more information, to enroll in a program, or to schedule a presentation/demo please contact program coordinator Alexa Quagliato at [AQuagliato@mcsonj.org](mailto:AQuagliato@mcsonj.org). Visit our website, [www.mcsonj.org](http://www.mcsonj.org) and click on the Community Outreach link.



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