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Walt Disney's "Child Safety Tour" Coming to Memphis

Sheriff's Deputies and technicians with the *West Tennessee Child Passenger Safety Center* will join other law enforcement agencies across the nation to promote a child safety initiative sponsored by the Walt Disney Company. Disney officials are traveling by train to 36 states to demonstrate the proper use of child restraint seats for infants and children. The train will arrive in Memphis **August 4** for an all-day event at Memphis Central Station, 545 South Main, from **9 a.m. through 7 p.m.**

"While investigating traffic crashes and conducting education events, our Deputies and safety technicians with the West Tennessee Child Passenger Safety Center continually find an alarming number of infants and children not properly restrained in vehicles," said Shelby County Sheriff Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

The *West Tennessee Child Passenger Safety Center* is headquartered at the Shelby County Sheriff's Office Traffic Bureau in Arlington. So far this year, there have been **576** child safety seat violations throughout the 22 West Tennessee counties served by the center. Technicians have checked **677** child safety seats during traffic stops, traffic crashes and community education events. In **601** instances, child safety seats were either not in use or were not properly installed.

According to the National **Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)**, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children ages 3-6. In 3 out of 4 cases, child passenger safety seats are not used correctly.

For more information about the Disney safety event, contact Glenetta Dave, Director of the West Tennessee Child Passenger Safety Center, at **(901) 867-1358**.

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