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Sheriff's Office Promotes Child Safety

In Oct. 2007, Sheriff Frank J. Provenzano announced the introduction of the nationally recognized W.H.A.L.E. (We Have A Little Emergency) sticker identification program in Somerset County.

"In an emergency, time is crucial. W.H.A.L.E. stickers are another tool that emergency responders can use to provide immediate care to youngsters involved in a car accident," said Sheriff Frank J. Provenzano. "To date, 1,500 packets have been distributed."

Small white stickers are placed on the back window of a vehicle that alert emergency responders that another sticker can be found on the bottom of the child's safety seat if an adult in the car is injured and unable to speak. That sticker contains pertinent emergency-care information, such as the child's name, medical information and emergency contact.

The W.H.A.L.E. program was started in the early 1990s by Connie Day, a caregiver in Virginia, who wondered what would happen to the children she cared for in the event of a car accident.

For more information on the W.H.A.L.E. program or to schedule a child safety seat installation, contact the Somerset County Sheriff's Office at (908) 231-7140.

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