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## <u>Child Passenger Safety Seat Program</u> <u>New York's Occupant Restraint laws require the following:</u>

• Children up to the age of four-years old (4) must be properly restrained in a federally approved child safety seat attached to the vehicle using a seat belt or a universal child restraint anchorage (LATCH) system. Effective November 1,2019. All backseat passengers under the age of two (2) must be rear facing.

• Children less than the age of four years old, but weighing more than 40 pounds, may be restrained in a child booster seat with a lap/shoulder safety belt, However, a child safety seat that accommodates higher weights may be used.

• Children ages four, five, six and seven years of age must be properly secured in an appropriate child restraint system, which meets the height and weight recommendations of the child safety restraint manufacture. NOTE: An appropriate child restraint system is one that meets the child's height and weight recommended by the manufacturer. Note: A vehicle safety belt is NOT considered a child restraint system.

• All children riding in a booster seat must be secured with a combination lap/shoulder seat belt. Never secure a child in a booster seat using only a lap belt. Otherwise, serious injury could occur.

• Children ranging from the age eight (8) and until they reach their 16th birthday must be restrained in a seat belt whenever they ride in the back seat of any vehicle. All front seat passenger, regardless of age, must be properly always restrained with a seat belt.

• Children under the age of twelve (12) should be properly always secured in the back seat of all vehicles. Buckling up your child in the back seat reduces his/her risk of serious injury and death by 33%.

• It is recommended that a booster seat be used until your child is four (4) foot nine (9) inches tall or weighs at least 100 pounds. Following the above guidelines will help keep your children safe while traveling in vehicles.

If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Dispatcher Lee Crosier (518) 283-5323 or email Lcrosier@northgreenbushpolice.org or Officer Austin McGuire (518)283-5323 or email <u>Amcguire@northgreenbushpolice.org</u>

Thank you and always drive safe!

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