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**The best hug you can give your
child on Valentine's Day is
buckling them up properly!**



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HFD Encourages Adults to Give their Children the Best Hug in the World

Harrisonburg, VA. – The Harrisonburg Fire Department (HFD) encourages adults to give their children the best hug in the world this Valentine's Day, through a properly installed car seat.

According to the Virginia Department of Health, 11 children died and 2,134 were injured from motor vehicle crashes in Virginia during 2015.

In 2016, Virginia safety seat check stations checked more than 8,500 child safety seats and only 1,061 were installed correctly.

"It is often that we encounter a child's safety seat that is not installed correctly," explained Ariel Rodriguez, HFD's child safety seat technician. "We want to remind the public that spending a small amount of time having your child's seat inspected could save their life."

In 2016, HFD installed 925 new car seats and inspected 500 seats. Of those 500 seats inspected, 102 were installed correctly and 398 were incorrectly installed.

On Tuesday, February 14, HFD encourages members of the community to have their child's safety seat checked to give them the gift of the best hug in the world.

To have a child's safety seat checked on Tuesday, make an appointment by calling 540-810-0527 or stop by HFD's Station 4, 210 E. Rock Street, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

For additional information, visit www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/child-safety-seat-inspections.

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