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Granite Quarry Fire and Police Departments Partner with Safe Kids NC to Raise Awareness on Hot Car Dangers

Granite Quarry, NC – May 8, 2025 – The Granite Quarry Fire Department and Police Department, in collaboration with Safe Kids NC and the North Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal (NCOSFM), hosted a powerful safety demonstration at Granite Quarry Elementary School on Thursday afternoon. The event aimed to educate parents and community members about the extreme dangers of leaving children and pets unattended in hot vehicles, even those with tinted windows.

During the event, a vehicle was set up in the car rider line area to demonstrate how quickly the interior temperature of a car can rise. Within just 30 minutes, the temperature inside the vehicle reached a dangerous 104°F. After one hour, that temperature soared to a staggering 150°F, highlighting the severe risk of heatstroke and injury that can occur in a very short amount of time.

“The safety of our children is a top priority,” said Fire Chief Jason Hord of the Granite Quarry Fire Department. “This demonstration clearly shows that even with tinted windows, cars can become deadly hot very quickly. We want to remind parents and caregivers to never leave children or pets alone in a vehicle, even for a few minutes.”

This event was made possible with the support and blessing of Granite Quarry Elementary School, which allowed the demonstration to take place during the busy afternoon car rider line, ensuring maximum visibility and impact. The Granite Quarry Fire and Police Departments, along with Safe Kids NC and NCOSFM, remain committed to community education and prevention efforts to protect the lives of the town’s youngest residents.

For more information on hot car safety tips and prevention, please contact the Granite Quarry Fire Department or visit the Safe Kids NC website.

About Granite Quarry Fire Department

The Granite Quarry Fire Department is dedicated to protecting the lives and property of the Granite Quarry community through fire prevention, emergency response, and public education programs. The department works closely with local partners to promote safety and well-being for all residents.

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