

Ask the Chief of the Anna Police: A weekly column allowing readers access to useful information about law enforcement issues in the Anna area.

This column is the personal opinion of Kenny Jenks and is based on his 29+ years of policing experience. It is not necessarily the official opinion of the City of Anna or the Anna Police Department. If you wish to Email, include your name and address in the correspondence. Your information will be edited before sending it to print.

Hello Readers,

I receive between 75-100 Emails each week from persons who would like to converse about the activities of the police in Anna and surrounding areas. I can't respond to or print all of them, but I do read them!

Keith in Willow Creek asks the following question: *What are the laws on children in car seats? Aren't people supposed to keep their toddlers in a safety seat? I see people all of the time who have their small child standing in the back seat and not in a safety seat and I wanted to make sure the law hasn't changed.*

Hello Keith, the State legislature passed a law that is contained in the Texas Transportation Code titled, "Child Passenger Safety Seat Systems." Sec 545.412 OFFENSE. (a) A person commits an offense if the person operates a passenger vehicle, transports a child who is younger than eight years of age, unless the child is taller than four feet, nine inches, and does not keep the child secured during the operation of the vehicle in a child passenger safety seat system according to the instructions of the manufacturer of the safety seat system.

Interpreted, that means that through your child's 8th birthday, they must be secured in a safety seat unless they are taller than 57". It is the law and it is smart!

Thank you for the Email!

Reminder: Outdoor Storm Sirens Tested (weather permitting)
First Wednesday of the month @ 12 noon.

***Phone numbers: Dial 911 in an emergency.** To have a police officer sent to you in a non-emergency, call 972-547-5350. During normal business hours, the APD number is 972-924-2848.

If you have a question or comment, please email: kjenks@annatexas.gov