

It takes a **Community** Effort to Keep us **Safe**

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**Police Foundation Funds Infrared Thermometers
To Help Protect Children and Animals left in Hot Cars**

Palm Beach Gardens, FL (May 27, 2016) – The Palm Beach Gardens Police Foundation announced today that they have funded the purchase of infrared thermometers for patrol officers.

While Memorial Day is a federal holiday designed for remembering those who have died while serving in our country's armed forces, it also typically marks the start of summer. And with summer in Florida, it also means extreme heat and humidity. Both of which are very dangerous conditions for children and pets left in unattended vehicles. Even with a window cracked open, the inside of a car can often reach super-hot temperatures in a very short period of time.

The Palm Beach Gardens Police Department now has another tool to help in the fight against child neglect and cruelty to animals.

Patrol Officers in the City will be equipped with Infrared Thermometers which allow responding units to measure the temperature inside parked vehicles. The information helps Officers better decide what course of action to take.

While Officers are usually able to locate owners or open a locked car door, they are occasionally required to force entry into a vehicle to rescue a child or pet. Precious moments can make a big difference for the life inside the vehicle.

Officers will also be using the infrared thermometers to educate the general public on just how quickly the temperature in a hot car can rise.

Meanwhile, the Foundation asks everyone to be on the lookout for children or animals left in parked cars – and to contact the Police right away. Let's make sure this is a safe summer for both our children and our pets.

For further information about the Foundation, please visit www.pbgpf.org/

About the Palm Beach Gardens Police Foundation

The Palm Beach Gardens Police Foundation is a non-profit entity holding IRS 501(c)(3) status. Its mission is to secure private funding to enhance the safety of the community and the effectiveness of the Palm Beach Gardens Police Department. For more information, visit www.pbgpolicefoundation.org

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