

## **Bike Helmet Fitting and Sales Event offered**

- Bike-related crashes kill 900 people every year and send about 567,000 people to hospital emergency rooms with injuries.
- More than 40 percent of all head injury-related deaths and approximately three-fourths of head injuries occur among children ages 14 and under.
- Wearing a bike helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by 85% and the risk of brain injury by 88%.
- Children whose helmets fit poorly are at twice the risk of head injury in a crash compared with children whose helmet fit is excellent.
- Children who wear their helmets tipped back on their heads have a 52% greater risk of head injury than those who wear their helmets centered on their heads.
- It is estimated that 75% of fatal head injuries among child bicyclists could be prevented with a bicycle helmet.
- Children are more likely to wear a bicycle helmet if riding with others (peers or adults) who are also wearing one.

Your local Public Safety Department wants to make sure your family has bike helmets. During the months of April and May we will be distributing AND PROPERLY FITTING helmets for our community.

Bike helmets will be sold for \$8.50 each. Helmets are available in a variety of colors and sizes ranging from toddler to adult. All helmets are Bell® helmets and comply with U.S. CPSC Safety Standards. Bring the whole family; we will fit adults, too! We will also be happy to fit helmets you already own, at no charge. No appointment necessary. While supplies last. Let's make this summer a safe summer for everyone!

### **Blaine City Hall**

10801 Town Square Drive  
Blaine, MN 55449

Dates: Tuesday, April 25, 2006  
Tuesday, May 9, 2006  
Time: 4:00 – 8:00 PM

Sponsored by Blaine Safety Services

For more information, please call Andrea Hunt, Blaine Police Department, 763-785-6113, or Connie Forster, SBM Fire Department at 763-786-4436.

### **Mounds View Community Center**

5394 Edgewood Drive  
Mounds View, MN 55112

Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2006  
Time: 4:00 – 8:00 PM

Sponsored by the Mounds View Police Department and the Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View Fire Department.

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