# **CPS Team Colorado Newsletter**



We hope you are staying cool and dry this summer as you check seats!

#### **Recall List**

Free child restraint recall lists can be found here:

- <u>http://www-</u>
  <u>odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/reca</u>
  <u>lls/childseat.cfm</u>
- <u>http://www.hsrc.unc.edu/safety\_inf</u> o/child\_passenger\_safety/child\_restr aint\_recalls.cfm

The most recent recall was issued on February 14, 2011. If you have a hard-copy list printed after that date, you are current.

The State CPS Program does not have access to the paid subscription recall lists.

#### There's An App for That

If you are an Android Smartphone user, you can download a mobile app from recalls.gov to search for recalls. You can either sort recalls by manufacturer or scan the barcode on the manufacturer label for instant results. Check it out here: <u>http://apps.usa.gov/productrecalls-2/</u>

#### Recertification

Do not delay! You can earn your CEU's, participate in a checkup event, and perform your 5 seat checks with an Instructor <u>at any time</u> during your 2-year certification cycle. Attached is a Personal Recertification Log to help you track your recertification activities.

The easiest way to earn CEU's is by attending a CEU/Refresher course (see listing below), and through free online sources such as:

- <u>http://www.safekidswebinars.org/</u>
- http://www.buckleupnc.org/training/index.cfm
- http://www.cpsboard.org/ceus.htm

If you need help connecting with an Instructor for the hands-on seat checks, please let me know.

#### **Welcome New Instructors!**

Congratulations to **Jennifer Ruehmann** of Rifle and **Kirsten Taylor** of Pueblo for recently completing their CPST Instructor requirements!

#### **Press Hard, Five Copies!**

Enforcement of Colorado's enhanced car seat law starts August 1, 2011. The law requires children to ride in child restraints (typically booster seats) up to age 8.

Also, in the 2011 legislative session, the lap-only seat belt exemption was removed from the child restraint law, effective July 1, 2011 (now!). Prior to that, children were exempt from the booster seat requirement if there were only lap belts available in their vehicle.

If lap-only seat belts are the only option, then that child typically must be restrained in a harnessed car seat which is rated to a higher weight limit (one that would accommodate them up to age 8). There are many mainstream car seats on the market that have harnesses rated up to 50, 60 and even 80 lbs.

#### **New Technician Manual**

The CPS Technician manual has been updated. You can download an updated manual here: <u>http://www.cpsboard.org/techmanual\_downloads.htm</u>. Save a tree! Use the option to download only the updated pages.

#### National Child Passenger Safety Week is September 18-24, 2011

How is your community celebrating CPS week? Check out this years national planner here: <u>http://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/cpsweek2011/</u>, and let us know how we can support you!

| Program Coordinator:       | www.carseatscolorado.com | Training Coordinator:   |  |  |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| Corp. Eric Wynn            |                          | Susan Yates             |  |  |
| Colorado State Patrol      | (877) LUV-TOTS           | The Children's Hospital |  |  |
| (303) 239-4537             | (877) 588-8687           | (720) 777-8414          |  |  |
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# **Upcoming Training Opportunities**

(Recent changes/additions are in red).

### **32-Hour CPS Technician Training\* -- PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD!**

\*We reserve the right to cancel any training when the minimum number of students is not met.-The CPS Technician certification course requires a \$75 certification fee payable to Safe Kids at the time of registration. There are no other local fees for this course.

| Date(s)             | Location   | How to Register   |  |
|---------------------|--|---|--|
| July 12-15          | Early Childhood Council ECCLPS<br>100 Broadway Suite 14<br><b>Sterling</b> , CO 80751  | http://cert.safekids.org/ search course ID #<br>CO20110406389 |  |
| August 29 – Sept. 1 | Colorado State Patrol Academy, Bldg. 500<br>15055 South Golden Rd.<br>Golden, CO 80401 | http://cert.safekids.org/ search course ID #<br>CO20110620583 |  |

CEU Refresher Offerings\* (for currently certified CPS Tech's to help fulfill recertification requirements)

-Unless otherwise noted, class times are 8 AM to 5 PM and offer 6 CEU's.

-We are working on a CEU registration process for the new state CPS website; but for now, please just email me to register for CEU classes with your contact info and cert#, and I will reply to confirm. Thanks!

| Date         | Location                              | How to Register               |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| July 14      | Real Baby                             | N/A – Just show up! Hosted by |
| 3:00-4:00 PM | 3628 W. 32nd Avenue (Upstairs)        | Safe Kids Denver Metro Buckle |
| *1 CEU*      | Denver, CO                            | Up This Way Committee.        |
| July 28      | West Metro Fire Rescue                | Email Susan Yates             |
|              | 433 S. Allison Parkway                |                               |
|              | Lakewood, CO                          |                               |
| August 8     | Mesa County Health Department         | Email Susan Yates             |
|              | Conference Room 1060                  |                               |
|              | 510 29 1/2 Road                       |                               |
|              | Grand Junction, CO 81502              |                               |
| August 9     | Basalt Rural Fire Protection District | Email Susan Yates             |
|              | 1089 JW Drive                         |                               |
|              | Carbondale, CO 81623                  |                               |
| September 16 | Windsor Fire Station 1                | Email Susan Yates             |
|              | 100 7 <sup>th</sup> Street            |                               |
|              | Windsor, CO 80550                     |                               |
| September 19 | La Junta Fire Department              | Email Susan Yates             |
|              | 14 E 6th                              |                               |
|              | La Junta, CO                          |                               |
| September 12 | Morgan County Ambulance Service       | Email Susan Yates             |
|              | 1000 East Railroad Ave                |                               |
|              | Ft. Morgan, CO                        |                               |
| September 28 | Aurora Fire Station #11               | Email Susan Yates             |
|              | 2291 S. Joliet Street                 |                               |
|              | Aurora, CO 80014                      |                               |

#### CPS Renewal Offerings\* (for expired CPS Tech's)

\*We reserve the right to cancel any training when the minimum number of students is not met.

-The Renewal course requires a \$75 certification fee payable online to SAFE KIDS at the time of registration. There are no other local fees for this course.

| Date      | Location            | How to Register            |
|-----------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| August 22 | Arvada Fire         | http://cert.safekids.org/  |
|           | 6651 Indiana Street | search course ID #         |
|           | Arvada, CO          | CO20110628610              |
|           |                     | You must log-in under your |
|           |                     | expired Safe Kids profile. |

## Other Upcoming CPS-related Training (For Your Information):

| Date              | Туре                  | Location       | Contact                                   |
|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---|
| July 25-26        | CO CPS Instructor     | Hampton Inn    | jpike@rwbfire.org                         |
|                   | Conference            | Lakewood, CO   |   |
| August 11-13      | KIM Conference        | Orlando, FL    | http://kidzinmotion.org/                  |
| September 7, 2011 | CPS in Ambulances –   | Loveland, CO   | http://www.milehighretac.org/training.php |
|                   | Preconference to EMS  |                |   |
|                   | Safety Summit         |                |   |
| April 18-20, 2012 | FLSEC Conference      | Estes Park, CO | http://www.firesafetyeducators.org/       |
|                   | *A minimum of 3 CEU's |                |   |
|                   | will be offered*      |                |   |