



## Lifesavers 2013

Next year, Lifesavers – NHTSA’s national conference on highway safety – will be held in Denver! Mark your calendars: **April 14-16, 2013.**

<http://lifesaversconference.org/>

## New Tech Update posted

The National CPS Board recently posted their Summer 2012 update here:

<http://www.cpsboard.org/techupdate.htm>

## 2012 Colorado CPS Conference

Nearly 60 CPS Technicians and Instructors participated in the special CEU half-day session of the conference and 27 CPS Instructors participated in the instructor development workshops. Thank you to all who attended and made the conference a success!

## Colorado CPS Council

The Colorado CPS Council held their semi-annual meeting in July and welcomed several new members:

- District 1: Will Housely, Exempla Health
- District 2: Vicky Cassabaum, St. Anthony Hospital
- District 9: Rob Whiting, Gunnison Police Dept.
- District 11: Brittany Kline, Mesa County Health Department

For a complete list of district representatives and information about the council, click here: <http://www.coloradodot.info/programs/seatbelts-carseats/carseats/about-us.html>.

## Recall Lists

The most recent recall was issued May 4, 2012. Please make sure you are using a list that was downloaded on or after that date. You can locate the current recall list here: [<http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/recalls/childseat.cfm>]

## New Parent Evaluation Tool

A new tool is available to help with follow-up with parents after a car seat check. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?fromEmail=true&formkey=dHVUT1FaLWhUcXN4OC1QRjJjWTBiaVE6MQ>. If you would like to use this tool, or have any questions (including how to extract data specific to your organization) please contact Corp. Heather Cobler.

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## 2012 Colorado CPS Awards

The 2012 Colorado CPS Awards were recently presented at the Colorado CPS Instructor Conference. Congratulations to the winners Jackie Pike and Laura Kent!

## Colorado CPS Technician of the Year

**Jackie Pike** - Red, White & Blue Fire Protection District, Breckenridge

### Comments from her nominations:

- She is a vital resource for other technicians in the area who rely on her for her vast knowledge in child safety seats. She is a wonder mentor who will stop whatever she is doing be it work related or during her personal time off to assist anyone with questions or installation help of their car seat. While it is part of her job to run our fit station, she spends numerous hours a year, of her own time, to assist with check points, booster seat bling events, and child safety education seminars to ensure that our neighboring communities have the assistance they need to have successful events.
- She always has a friendly smiling face and treats everyone with respect.
- There have been years where Jackie has checked seats and provided instruction to parents for over 200 car seats per year. The fit stations have been part of her job responsibilities, but Jackie also chooses to volunteer in Eagle, Lake, and Summit Counties on her day off.
- She offers expertise to our child passenger safety technicians, serves as a senior checker, she is an expert in our region. She is always ready to help in any way possible, from baking homemade bread from her kitchen, making tent weights, and getting a trailer for our car seat checkpoints. She drives the SAFE KIDS van to our county for big events. There are many car seat technicians who have injury prevention as part of their duties. Jackie has chosen to make this a passion. There are times when I have been working in a checkpoint and the parents all mention that their seats have been checked by Jackie, instead of naming the station.
- She can perform a car seat inspection to a party that may have language barriers as well as a mom that is on her fourth child with the same enthusiasm and caring for that parent and child. You can easily identify her caring heart by her actions. I have never seen a person leave our fire station that is not completely satisfied and comfortable in installing a car seat in the proper manner.



(Left to Right) Kerry Chausmer, Safe Kids Worldwide; Jackie Pike, Red White & Blue Fire; Corp. Heather Cobler, Colorado State Patrol; Lorrie Walker, Safe Kids Worldwide

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## Colorado CPS Instructor of the Year

**Laura McGuire Kent** – AMR, Colorado Springs

### Comments from her nominations:

- Laura has selflessly dedicated herself to cps all while working full time for AMR. She was the Kohls Cares coordinator with Memorial Hospital (while still working for AMR). Laura did all of the required programming for the Kohls grant, and was developing a child safety seat recycling program with Kohls and Best Way Disposal.
- Laura in an incredible seamstress (to put it mildly) and has developed a wonderful traffic safety training activity for children by designing (and fabricating) a small transportable car where children sit in the drivers seat and an educator walks them through the safety factors (such as blind spots, seat belts etc...). She takes this car voluntarily throughout the county (and other counties by request) to multiple events and has now designed and made a fabulous small AMR ambulance to talk about EMS safety and using it similarly to the small car.
- Laura (who is very petite) has put on the huge, hot BuckleBear costume at multiple events and has happily entertained the children and adults. When Laura can't wear the costume, she enlists other family members to wear it at the events. Her son has often been her assistant educating about booster seats and the importance of buckling up.
- I have never seen anyone more dedicated and enthusiastic about cps in my life. And ALL the time with a cheery attitude and smile on her face. SHE is invaluable. Laura is a volunteer with SafeKids and DRIVE SMART COLORADO for the past 8 years and has collaborated with these two non-profits on numerous cps and injury prevention events.



Laura Kent, AMR Colorado Springs; Corp. Heather Cobler, Colorado State Patrol

## Congratulations to all of the nominees:

Diane Downing, Southern Ute Community Action Program  
Will Housley, Exempla St. Joseph Hospital  
Jennifer Ruehmann  
Scott Pringle, Loveland Fire Rescue Authority  
Michelle Ellington, Aurora Fire Department  
Tracey Holmberg, Swedish Medical Center  
William Revelle, Aurora Police Department  
Jill Distel, Colorado State Patrol – Sterling  
Kristina Galvez, Colorado State Patrol – Alamosa  
Laura Richardson, Poudre Valley Health System

Thomas Davis, Colorado State Patrol – Sterling  
Kristina Koehl, Colorado State Patrol – Idaho Springs  
Casey Holt, Elizabeth Fire Protection District  
Scott Hixon, Greater Eagle Fire Protection District  
Steve McGervey, Eagle County Ambulance District  
Shelly Almroth, Summit Medical Center  
Nancy Ortega, Commerce City Community Health Services  
Dawn Blunt, Brighton Fire Rescue  
Scott Tongren, Cunningham Fire Protection District

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## Federal Administrator Visits Children's Hospital Colorado

On Tuesday July 24, David Strickland, Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), visited Children's Hospital Colorado to meet with trauma and injury prevention staff members and tour our hospital. Mr. Strickland, the country's top automotive safety official, was interested in seeing how local efforts are building community capacity to reduce motor vehicle crash-related injuries and fatalities to children. Children's currently has three grants focusing on child passenger safety, all of which are made possible by federal funds which Mr. Strickland's office oversees. He was also given an opportunity to see the expansive clinical resources Children's has to provide care to children injured in crashes. The administrator was impressed with what saw. "With roadway deaths at historic lows, it's clear we're making real progress in improving safety for motorists. That success is thanks in no small part to the contributions made by organizations like Children's Hospital Colorado, who exemplify the highest level of professionalism and dedication to saving lives every single day."



(Left to right): Susan Yates, Colorado Child Passenger Safety Training Coordinator, Joni MacKenzie, E.D. Clinical Specialist, Kris Hansen, Trauma & Burn Program Manager, Bill Watada, NHTSA Region 8 Administrator, Joe Darmofal, Faculty Coordinator of Emergency Medical Services for Children, Michelle Kim, R.N., Children's National Medical Center, Dwayne Smith, Injury Prevention Manager, Selena Silva, Child Passenger Safety Prevention & Education Coordinator, David Strickland, Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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## Training Calendar

**CPS Tech CEU/Refresher** – 6 hours of CEU’s will be presented and Instructors will be available for hands-on skills verification. This class is FREE, but you must pre-register.

Date	Location	How to Register
<b>September 7</b> 9am – 5pm	Memorial Health System Administrative Center 2420 E. Pikes Peak Ave. <b>Colorado Springs, CO</b>	<b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:susan.yates@childrenscolorado.org">susan.yates@childrenscolorado.org</a>
<b>September 17</b> 9am – 5pm	Littleton Fire Academy 2301 W Chenango Ave <b>Littleton, CO</b>	<b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:susan.yates@childrenscolorado.org">susan.yates@childrenscolorado.org</a>
<b>September 21</b> 9am – 5pm	Loveland Fire Administration Building 410 E. 5th St. <b>Loveland, CO 80537</b>	<b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:susan.yates@childrenscolorado.org">susan.yates@childrenscolorado.org</a>

**CPS Renewal – For Expired** CPS Technicians who have stayed up-to-date with CPS. This course requires a \$75 certification fee payable to Safe Kids at the time of registration. There are NO additional costs for these courses.

Date	Location	How to Register
<b>September 14</b>	Colorado State Patrol Academy 15055 S. Golden Road <b>Golden, CO</b>	<a href="http://cert.safekids.org/">http://cert.safekids.org/</a> search course # CO20120222266 <b>You must log-in under your <u>expired</u> Safe Kids profile to register.</b> A \$75 certification fee is due to Safe Kids at the time of registration.

## Upcoming Webinar:

### Safe Kids and State Farm Present: CR Manufacturer Update: Recaro

**September 12, 2012** from 1 pm - 2 pm ET (NY time)  
CPS CEUs available: 1 (CHES/MCHES credit is also available)  
Fees/Requirements: \$0, Pre-registration is required.  
For more information: <http://bit.ly/2012-9-12-Recaro>

Other online CEU opportunities can be accessed by logging into your technician profile at <http://cert.safekids.org>. Once logged in, scroll down under your ACTION ITEMS and select ONLINE CEUs.

Still need to earn one more CEU to make your six required CEUs? Just read two Tech Updates and take the associated quizzes. Tech Updates are available at <http://www.cpsboard.org/techupdate.htm>. You can also earn 1 CEU by reading three peer-reviewed journal articles.

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