



SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION TRAINING – BEYOND THE BASICS

There will be another preconference to Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities, pertaining to the proper restraining of children in school buses. The course will be on Saturday, April 13, 2013 from 10am to 2:30pm. There is a \$50 fee for this course; Lifesavers conference registration is not required. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Additionally, there is still space available and scholarships for the “Safe Travel for All Children” (transporting children with special healthcare needs) preconference April 12-13. For registration and/or scholarship information, please contact Selena Silva at 720-777-6735 or selena.silva@childrenscolorado.org.

CPS COUNCIL UPDATE

The Colorado CPS Council has decided to run a CPS campaign in August, to coincide with back-to-school activities, again this year. Be thinking about what you can do in your community to support CPS in August. A campaign tool kit will be provided again this year. Those who report the information about their planned event(s) will be advertised on the CPS website, in statewide releases and will receive a personalized radio public service announcement (PSA). More information is forthcoming.

GRANT AWARDEES CHOSEN

The Manufacturer’s Alliance for Child Passenger Safety (MACPS) recently awarded six grants (out of 227 applications – wow!). One of the awardees is from Colorado. Congratulations **Susan Saito with West Metro Fire Rescue** on receiving \$500 worth of Huggable Images dolls for your program.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

During a recent car seat inspection, **Colleen Potton of South Metro Fire Rescue** became concerned over the amount of space an infant seat – the Safety 1st Comfy Carry Elite - could be lifted off its base when properly installed. Colleen contacted Dorel to ensure this was acceptable (and even sent them this photograph), and this is their official response:

“The seat is designed to lock into the base at the foot of the seat. It is normal for the seat to be lifted up at the head of the seat. The shell is locked to the base at the front of the car seat [and] will not separate unless the release handle located on the back of the seat is pulled. The red pins on the seat were not designed to lock into the base. They are inserted into the recess[ed] area of the base.”

Do you have a strange but true CPS story? Please share!





INSTRUCTORS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The 2013 Colorado CPS Instructor Conference is scheduled for July 25 & 26. Location is TBA. If you have suggestions for topics or speakers, please contact Susan Yates.

ARE YOU ENGAGED IN A SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP WITH AN AUTO DEALER?

The Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities is looking to recognize a Denver-area auto dealer (and the CPS Technician who partners with them) for their efforts to support CPS outreach and partnerships in their community. If you know of one, please contact Susan Yates.

PRODUCT UPDATE

Questions have been raised recently regarding the Bubble Bum booster seat. This booster seat does meet FMVSS 213, and the manufacturer has an informative installation video available: <http://youtu.be/Bfe4i2aZVao>. This seat is now being sold in select Target stores, so we may be seeing them more often.



WEBSITE UPDATES

The state car seat check forms have been updated to include the new CPS Team Colorado logo, phone number and a field for the participants email address. The new forms can be found here: <http://www.coloradodot.info/programs/seatbelts-carseats/carseats/education-materials.html>

CPS RESEARCH

O'Neil, J., Bull, M., Slaven, J. & Talty, J. (2012). Grandparents and child passenger safety. *Accident Analysis and Prevention*, 49, 354-359.

Abstract

Purpose: This study compares child passenger safety (CPS) practices of grandparents versus parents and determines grandparents' opinions on car safety seats (CSS), barriers to use, and ways to transport grandchildren safely.

Methods: Observational surveys were conducted on a convenience sample of drivers transporting children younger than sixteen years at 25 locations by certified child passenger safety technicians observing children in motor vehicles and recorded use of child passenger restraints. The drivers were surveyed on their knowledge, attitudes, beliefs, and practices regarding CPS. Data from drivers



identifying themselves as grandparents were analyzed; also, three grandparent focus groups provided opinions on CPS practices.

Results: During the study 1758 parents transporting 2713 children and 284 grandparents transporting 391 grandchildren were included. While most drivers were restrained and used child occupant restraints, almost 25% of parents and grandparents chose the incorrect seat to transport the child, and greater than 68% had at least one harness error. Grandparents were more likely to have looser lower anchor straps or seat belts and have children younger than thirteen years in the front seat.

The focus group-grandparents had a favorable attitude toward CSS. Grandparents acknowledged the need for CSS but opined that CSS were difficult to use. Physical barriers included arthritis, back pain, mobility, decreased strength, and vision problems.

Conclusions: Grandparents and parents were equally likely to use CSS and choose correct seats. Compared to parents, grandparents were more likely to travel with their grandchildren with CSS installed with looser harnesses or an installed CSS with looser seat belt or lower anchors. Additionally, grandparents were more likely to have a child younger than thirteen years in the front seat. The use of community resources such as permanent fitting stations could help grandparents improve a grandchild's travel safety.



2013 CPS TRAINING

CPS Technician Training. 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
April 4, 5, 6 8am to 6pm each day	Vail Fire Dept. 2399 N. Frontage Rd. W Vail, CO	http://cert.safekids.org/ search course ID # CO201212171112
June 4, 5, 6, 7 9am to 5pm each day	CDOT conference room 20581 Hwy 160 W Durango, CO 81301	http://cert.safekids.org/ search course ID # CO2013011049

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

-Unless otherwise noted, class times are 9 AM to 5 PM.

Date	Location	How to Register
April 8	Colorado Springs Police Department Gold Hill Sub-station 955 W. Moreno Avenue Colorado Springs, CO	Email Susan Yates
April 22	Aurora Police Department Academy 13347 E. Montview Blvd. Aurora, CO 80045	Email Susan Yates
May 8	CSP Office 10201 CR 69.1 Trinidad, CO	Email Susan Yates
May 29	Castle Rock FD 300 Perry St. Castle Rock, CO	Email Susan Yates
June 3	CDOT conference room 20581 Hwy 160 W Durango, CO 81301	Email <u>Diane Downing</u> ddowning@sucap.org
June 13	Heart of the Rockies Medical Center 448 East 1 st Street, Touber Building, Shavano Room Salida, CO	Email Susan Yates
June 14	Garfield County Sheriff's Office 106 County Road 333A Rifle, CO	Email Susan Yates
July 10	Fort Lupton Fire Training Ctr 2999 9 th St. Fort Lupton, CO	Email Susan Yates
August 19	High Country Fire Training Center 225 Summit County Road 1003 Frisco, CO	Email Susan Yates
September 16	Colorado State Patrol 902 Erie Pueblo, CO 81001	Email Susan Yates



CPS Renewal Offerings (for expired CPS Tech's). 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
April 5 - 1pm to 5pm April 6 - 8am to 12pm <i>*Both days required*</i>	Eagle County Ambulance District 1055 Edwards Village Blvd. Edwards, CO 81632	You must log-in under your expired certification profile in order to be eligible to register for this course. http://cert.safekids.org/ search course ID # CO2013011051

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

Date	Type	Location	Contact
April 12-13	Safe Travel for All Children	Aurora, CO	Selena Silva: 720-777-6735, selena.silva@childrenscolorado.org
April 13	School Bus Transportation	Denver, CO	Jennifer Booge: 218-732-7204, buckleupforlife@gmail.com
April 14-16, 2013	Lifesavers Conference	Denver, CO	http://lifesaversconference.org/
July 25-26, 2013	Colorado CPS Instructor Conference	TBA - SAVE THE DATES	Susan Yates
August 27-29, 2013	KIM Conference	Albuquerque, NM	http://kidzinmotion.org/

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