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## FEBRUARY 2014 CPS TEAM Colorado

Welcome to the newsletter for Child Passenger Safety Technicians, Instructors and Advocates in the great state of Colorado!

We hope you find all the information you need to stay connected to your fellow safety professionals for statewide CPS happenings, training and national information. Please feel free to contact us if you would like to see content added or have questions concerning information in this

newsletter.

We welcome misuse photos, unique stories and information about the great things going on in your community!

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### NHTSA Proposes First-Ever Side Impact Test for Child Restraint Systems

The test simulates a vehicle traveling at 30 mph crashing into the side of a small passenger vehicle traveling at 15 mph.

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic



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Have a great photo or story to share? Want to brag about your awesome team? We'd love to hear about it!

[Click here to submit.](#)



[CPS Training Calendar](#)



National SafeKids: Policies and Procedures Manual (ver. 1/21/2014) - Updated to include "strongly" recommend **5:1 student to instructor ratio, this includes the course checkup event.**

Safety Administration (NHTSA) today proposed upgrades to the federal motor vehicle safety standard for child-restraint systems to ensure child passengers are protected in side crashes. The proposed upgrades would include a first-ever side impact test for car seats sold in the U.S. that are designed for children weighing up to 40 pounds.

The proposed test would include the currently available 12 mo child crash test dummy and the newly designed 3 yo crash test dummy with biometrics for side impact analysis. (please see December 2013 CPS Newsletter for biometrics information). Read the entire article [here](#).

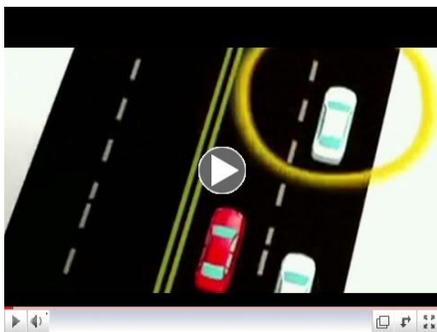
### Driving the Development of Safer Cars

Auto safety has evolved from basic seatbelts and lighting to high-tech safety features that can help drivers avoid accidents altogether. Thanks to continuing innovation, today's vehicles are the safest in history and have contributed to year-over-year decreases in crash-related fatalities and injuries nationwide.



[explore new vehicle technology](#)

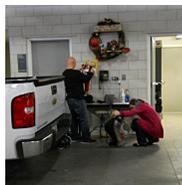
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Safety tech turns to "talking cars"



### Child Passenger Safety Training Courses



Castle Rock CEU course.

The 2013-2014 Training Calendar is currently being developed. If you are interested in hosting a course in your area or attending a CPS Technician Certification course or a CEU session please [click here](#).



Castle Rock CEU course

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Safe Kids and State Farm present: Child Restraint Manufacturer: Diono  
May 15, 2014 from 2 pm - 3 pm ET (East Coast/NY time) CPS CEUs available: 1(CHES/MCHES credit is also available). Register now:  
<http://bit.ly/May15web>

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### Latest Child Restraint Update to Webinar: Follow Up information:

For clarification, with the new Diono convertible line/booster seats (Ranier, Pacifica and Olympia), the Safe Stop is to be used for ALL forward facing installations with children who weigh 20-40 pounds. This is a change from their current seats, and is not applicable to the Radian, only the new seats coming out first quarter 2014.

Regal Lager has provided additional information and pictures of the Aton Q and their booster seats. The webinar was

recorded and is available at

[www.cpsboard.org](http://www.cpsboard.org).

Just click on Certification + Recertification and follow the instructions to watch the video. A quiz is available when you are done to earn CEU.

[link to Cybex info](#)



Recall information: Links to several recall sheets click on the name to be connected with the sheet:

\* [Safety Belt Safe, USA](#)

\* [University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center](#)

\* [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#)

\* [The Safety Restraint Coalition](#)

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There are a limited number of CPS Team Colorado fully funded classes available. Class sites are determined by need, interest, State Coordinator and Advisory Council feedback. We will do our very best to get courses where they are requested.

Advocate courses (full or half day awareness class) are a great way to introduce someone to Child Passenger Safety. If you have community members interested in becoming involved in CPS please direct them to one of these courses. In some cases people make better advocates than technicians, they may not have time for the full course or it is just too overwhelming, an Advocate Course can be the spark to sustainable CPS involvement. Please [click here](#) to request an Advocate course in your area.

Continuing Education (also known as refreshers, CEU class, or Update Refresher) courses will be offered on a frequent basis across the state. Please consider attending one of these courses instead of getting all your CEU's online. Instructors will be available for the required seat checks. Please [click here](#) to request a CE course in your area.

Continuing Education for hospital/healthcare based CPST's-addresses the unique needs and liability issues encountered by CPST's working in this environment. Please [click here](#) if you are interested in this course.

Certification Renewal courses are also available this year for CPS Technicians whose certification has expired within the past four years. One of the requirements of the course is that the technician has remained an active participant in CPS during the lapsed time. This course can be taken consecutively with the CE course but IT IS NOT an update class. If you do not feel your skills are current please take the CE course prior to enrolling in this course. Please [click here](#) for more info.

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### Cone Corner



We are pleased to announce that Deputy Scott Sickafoose from the Arapahoe County Sheriff's office is our quarterly winner for data collection!  
Way to go Scott!

Scott and his team will receive a Child Restraint manufacturers' Instruction with summary sheets DVD from SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. provided by the Colorado CPS program.

[Enter Seat Check Data Here](#)

BE SURE TO ENTER YOUR SEAT CHECK DATA (link above). THOSE WHO REPORT DATA WILL BE RANDOMLY SELECTED TO RECEIVE CPS GOODIES!! (see this month's cone corner) RECIPIENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE 'CONE AWARD' SECTION OF THIS NEWSLETTER. DATA DRIVES DOLLARS, DOLLARS DRIVE PROGRAMS! ENTER YOUR DATA TODAY!

### Steps to CPST Recertification:

#### Recertification Requirements

CPS certification expires after two years. Technicians and Instructors are required to successfully complete the recertification process before their current certification expires.

#### Here is what you need to do to recertify:

Meet these requirements and record the activities in your online profile.

- \* Conduct all five different types of seat checks.
- \* Participate in at least one community event (one checkup or community workshop).
- \* Participate in at least six continuing education units (CEUs). As part of ongoing quality assurance, you may be randomly selected for a CEU audit. Keep proof of content and completion of CEUs handy for



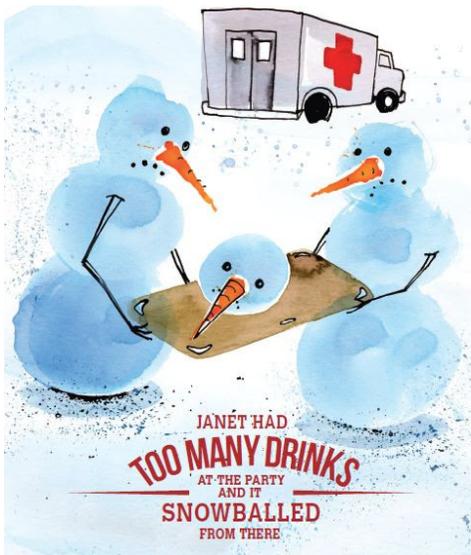
Brian McKnight, Nicole Dennis, Scott Sickafoose  
Arapahoe County Sheriff's office. 2/14

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content and completion of CEUs many for three months after you recertify.  
\* You can monitor your audit status in your online profile. If you are an instructor, complete 20 Certification/Certification Renewal Course teaching hours.  
\* Pay the recertification fee. The recertification fee is \$50 for technicians and instructor candidates and \$60 for instructors.  
Check your online profile if you are not sure when your certification expires.

**You must complete all recertification requirements, including paying the recertification fee, on or before the expiration date of your current certification.**

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**Mountain View Fire Department is seeking applicants for the position of Outreach Assistant. click on the link to learn more or apply.**  
**MVFD**

Please check all the materials you distribute. Ensure you are not violating any copyrights to the materials, the materials are accurate and up to date. Please remove all materials that have the old **1-877-LUV-TOTS** number.

**This number is no longer active.**

The contact phone for the public to contact the Colorado State Patrol CPS Team Colorado Coordinator for seats or other needs is **303 239 4500.**

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**Online Training Available:**

Five online Tech Updates on Recent CPS Research at UMTRI (1 CEU), No More CPS Guesswork: Identifying and Using the Right Technical Resources (1 CEU), FMVSS 213: The truth about Child Restraint Standards (1 CEU), Show trends in development of car seats (1 CEU) and Crash Dynamics: Why CPS Techs say what we say (2 CEUs).

After watching the videos, users must pass the test for each course with 80% in order to print a certificate of completion. Courses are worth 1 or 2 CEUs. Users may log in and out to complete the modules.

[Click here for online courses](#)

From National CPS Certification 2014:

**Seat Checks for Recertification: Real or Mock?**

Sometimes, in spite of our best efforts, we are not able to work with a real family for one or more of our 5 required seat checks required for recertification. If the Instructor or Tech Proxy is comfortable doing so, they

recertification. If the instructor or technician is comfortable doing so, they can use a mock, or fake, scenario. Be sure to talk so there are clear expectations before the seat check.

The following guidelines were approved by the Certification/Recertification committee of the National CPS Board:

- \* During a seat check, it is always best to have the child present.
- \* Instructors and technicians are strongly encouraged to make every effort to do an actual safety seat checkup.
- \* If an actual caregiver is not available, the instructor/technician proxy may choose a mock scenario, where a colleague acts out the part of the parent.
- \* It is strongly encouraged that you enter your seat checks throughout your certification cycle, rather than waiting until near your certification expiration date.

Real or mock, an actual vehicle must always be used for seat checks.

Be sure to work on your recertification requirements during your certification cycle and don't wait until the end. Seat checks for recertification must be approved online by the instructor or tech proxy. They will receive an automatic notification email but please do email or call them if you are in a time crunch.

[Read More about seat checks.](#)

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*New Study Finds 66 Children a Day Treated in U.S. Emergency Departments for Shopping Cart-Related Injuries.*

*Infant seats in shopping carts, using car seats outside of the vehicle. Manufacturer recommendations:*

"Avoid placing infant carriers on top of shopping carts. If your child is not old enough to sit upright by himself in the shopping cart seat, consider other options such as leaving your child at home with another adult while you are at the store, using in-store child care areas, using a front- or back-pack carrier, or using a stroller."

This may not work for every parent, sometimes the infant carrier may be placed in the basket portion of the cart with the child appropriately restrained in the seat at all times. As always the role of a CPS Technician is to provide the best education we can and let the caregiver make the final decisions. Problem solve with the caregiver during the educational car seat check session to help them understand the risks.

Link to most recent study on this topic [here](#).



SafeGuard STAR - Installation and Securement

Interesting video on harnesses for buses.

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NEW CDC STUDY: Restraint Use and Motor Vehicle Occupant Death Rates Among Children Aged 0-12

Fewer U.S. children are dying in car crashes, with death rates falling by 43 percent from 2002 to 2011, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said on Tuesday.

But one in three of the children who died in a car crash in 2011 was not using a seat belt or child safety seat, suggesting many more deaths could be prevented, the CDC said. The results were based on a study in the Morbidity and Mortality report, the agency's weekly report on death and disease.

[Click here to read the whole press release](#)\*\*please note\*\*in researching this article it was found that there is a great deal of incorrect information in many of the press releases. The link shared here is the most accurate representation of the CDC's actual study findings.

The CDC has a very good set of infographics and factsheets. [Click here](#) to access the fact sheets.

*To give real service you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money, and that is sincerity and integrity.*

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### Speed, Seat Belts and Impaired Driving Cause Most Fatalities on Colorado Roads

#### Grant Funding Now Available for Colorado Highway Safety Issues

STATEWIDE-In 2012, the total number of motor vehicle fatalities in Colorado increased for the first time in six years after a steady decline. Speed-related fatalities, fatalities with a driver impaired by alcohol, and unbuckled occupant vehicles fatalities accounted for the three largest proportions of motor vehicle deaths in Colorado. Of 472 motor vehicle deaths in 2012, 162 (34%) were speed-related and an estimated 133 (28%) involved a driver impaired by alcohol. Of major concern is that of the 287 passenger vehicle fatalities, 156 (54%) were unbuckled.

To combat these and other traffic safety issues, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Office of Transportation Safety offers grant funds through the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) to agencies, organizations and tribal governments within the State of Colorado that provide programs, projects, services and strategies that are intended to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries resulting from traffic crashes on Colorado roadways.

"Focusing prevention efforts related to speed, impaired driving and seat belt use provide the greatest opportunity to impact the total number of fatalities on Colorado roadways," said Darrell Lingk, Director of the Office of Transportation Safety at CDOT. "But there are many other traffic safety issues that also need attention, such as pedestrian safety and impaired driving involving marijuana. It's through our local communities that we move the needle in terms of decreasing motor vehicle fatalities and serious injury crashes."

The total projected funding available is \$3.5 million and the average award amount typically ranges from \$50,000-\$75,000 The Request For Application (RFA) process kicks off during a webinar on Monday, Feb. 3 from 1:00-3:00 p.m., which covers the 2014 Problem Identification Report and the FY15 grant funding process. To log onto the webinar on Feb. 3, visit <https://cdphe.adobeconnect.com/cdotproblemid/>.

Applications are due to CDOT on April 1 by 3:00 p.m. The RFA, application and other data sources will be available at <http://www.coloradodot.info/business/grants/safetygrants> as of Feb. 3.

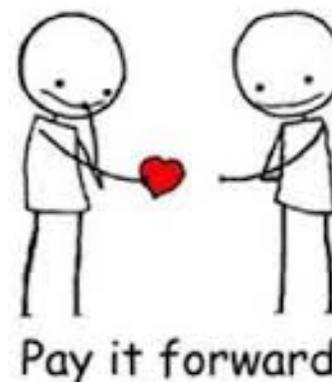
### [2014 Designated Safety Weeks & annual Conferences Calendar](#)



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Instructor Training Vehicle



NJ GDL Decal Law Study Results

Hope this sparks an idea for someone with the grant opportunities from CDOT.

Check out the videos!!



The ultimate goal is to reduce the number of teen crashes, injuries and fatalities.

Graduated Driver's License Decal Laws for Novice Teen Drivers

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