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JANUARY 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



*Have a great photo or story to share?
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[CPS Training Calendar](#)

community!



Using Service-Learning to Promote Healthy Decisions Webinar by NYLC
 Thursday, January 23, 2014 2:00pm - 3:00pm, MST

[Register](#)

Safe Kids and State Farm present:
 Child Restraint Manufacturer:
 What's New January 23, 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/Jan23CPST](http://bit.ly/Jan23CPST)



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](#)



[Enter Seat Check](#)

[Data Here](#)

Confused about Changes to FMVSS 213 affecting LATCH weight limits?

There has been a great deal of discussion at check-up events, inspection stations and in the CPS community regarding the upcoming rule change.

February 27, 2014 is the date that changes to FMVSS 213 are set to go into effect. (It is possible that NHTSA may make adjustments to the rule or extend the deadline, if that is the case we will keep you informed).

While it is important for CPS Techs to stay updated and informed, this change in labeling does not change how we educate caregivers. As always, we must determine the LATCH weight limits for the vehicle and the Child Restraint (CR). The labeling change doesn't change how we determine that maximum child weight to use LATCH. Technicians don't necessarily need to know the weight of the CR and then have to subtract that from 65 pounds, that piece is for the CR manufacturer to determine on their label. The changes are not retroactive with the CR's so don't worry about trying to do the math on a seat made prior to the new labeling.

Just follow the instructions on the seat you are working with, as you always have, by finding the weight limits for LATCH use with the vehicle anchors and the weight limit for LATCH use with the CR.

It will still be necessary for the caregiver to know the weight of their child to determine when they need to discontinue using the Lower Anchors and switch to the vehicle seat belt, just like before the label change.

One thing that did make these changes a little more confusing is that vehicle manufacturers began changing their lower anchor weight limits to follow the formula of CR + child weight when the label change was announced in 2012. (The vehicle changes were not mandated by NHTSA standards and in most cases the change, if there was one, to updated vehicle LATCH limits went into effect when the change was announced over a year ago). You may see this formula in vehicle owners manuals, just keep in mind it doesn't change what we do to teach parents and caregivers. It is the formula the vehicle manufacturer decided to work with to determine the upper weight limit on their Lower Anchors.

As good educators it is more important than ever to read the CR instructions and refer to the vehicle manual and/or the LATCH manual, make sure you have a current LATCH manual available and sign up for updates. As we all know, most caregivers don't always have the CR instructions available and may not understand how important they are. CR Instructions can be found fairly easily by a Tech in the field via the manufacturer website on a smart phone or by utilizing the manufacturer CD available from SafetyBeltSafeUSA. It is up to us to convey how important the instructions are and read them ourselves!

There are some unique challenges that the labeling requirements present for some manufacturers of heavy seats with higher weight limits on their harnesses (Britax & Diono for example). It is quite likely we will see changes as manufacturers comply with this change and the soon to be implemented side impact standards.

Stay Tuned! As always, these and many other changes and topics are covered in the CEU course which is updated continually, please check the training calendar for a class near you.

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

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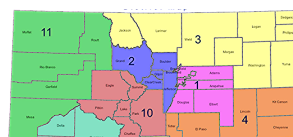
Car Seat Check App from the American Academy of Pediatrics

for iphone and ipad

'Get expert advice from the AAP on selecting the right car seat for your child and installing it safely'.



CPS TEAM COLORADO Advisory Council





School Safety Day Evergreen Academy, Evergreen CO-Jefferson County 2011



CPS Job Openings

Poudre Fire Authority has two positions posted:

- *Part-time clerical
- *Full-time educator

[more info here](#)

This month's cone award goes to the CPS Team at North Suburban Medical Center in Thornton CO.

Notice the hole in the webbing holding the car seat in place.



Keep sending your photos, stories, misuse or interesting photos to share!

Child Passenger Safety Training Courses

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 please [click here](#).

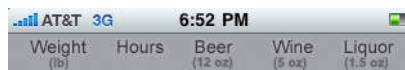


Aurora Fire CPST course

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.

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Continuing Education (also known as refreshers

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.

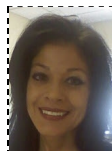
This course can be taken consecutively with the CE course but IT IS NOT an update class. If you do not feel your skills are current please take the CE course prior to enrolling in this course.

Please [click here](#) for more info.

Meet your Advisory Council Representatives:

Each member of the Advisory Council brings their own experience and passion for safety, we are pleased to profile them each month. Your AC representative is your voice at the state level. If you have concerns, questions or things you would like to see happen or change, please contact the representative for your district.

Renee Gallegos lives in San Luis, Colorado with her 14 yr. old son, Dakota. She is currently the Passenger Occupant Protection Project Coordinator for the San Luis Valley. She has worked with the Colorado State Patrol Troop B5 for the last 3 years planning and coordinating



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Study of Teen Fatal Crash Rates adds to evidence of GDL benefits

IIHS Status Report, Vol. 48, No. 9 | December 19, 2013

A recent study adds to the evidence that graduated driver licensing (GDL) systems are working to cut fatal crashes among 16 and 17 year-olds. Researchers analyzed specific GDL components and found that permit holding periods of nine months to a year and a one-passenger limit during the intermediate license stage had the biggest benefits.

[Read the full article here.](#)

[More info on Colorado GDL here](#)



Child Passenger safety events in the San Luis Valley. Renee is part of the Inspection Station in the San Luis Valley located at the Colorado State Patrol Office in Alamosa, Colorado. The station does car seat checks by appointment. The Inspection station could use more CPS Techs, if you are interested in a class follow the link to a training class or if you are a CPS Technician and are nearby please contact Renee to assist at her Inspection Station.

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Dwayne Smith, M.Ed., M.C.H.E.S., is the Injury Prevention Manager at Children's Hospital Colorado. In this role he provides direction and leadership to achieve the Children's Health Advocacy Institute's mission. Dwayne has coordinated CPS education and outreach initiatives at hospital trauma centers, and state, metropolitan, and local health departments since 1997. He has served as a CPS Technician since the inception of the certification training program in 1998, and as a CPS Technician-

Instructor since 1999.

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Cheryl Reid is one of those special people that brings a much needed perspective to our Advisory Council with her well rounded experience in many other injury prevention arenas besides Child Passenger Safety. Cheryl has been involved with the Advisory Council for many years. She started out filling in for a very busy CSP Trooper/CPS Technician and stayed involved because of her availability and love for it. Cheryl supervises and partners with many CPS Technicians and has managed CDOT occupant protection and DUI prevention grants for many years (over a decade!).



Cheryl also works with Crossroads' Turning Points, Inc. Southern Colorado's largest alcohol and drug prevention, intervention, and substance abuse treatment

There's an APP For That! Update to iAuditor CPS Inspection Form

If you prefer to save a few trees and complete your car seat inspections electronically..you are in luck! Yep, There's an app for that! CPS Team Co is at the App Store on Google Play.

The form template was recently updated, the current version is more user friendly and has multiple sections that make the form easier to use on a small screen. There are also new options available with drop down menus to assist in comprehensive, accurate completion of the form.

To get the app: search for 'iAuditor' (developed by Safety Culture), download the application. Once the download is complete, go to the 'Public Library' option. Search Public Library for 'Child Passenger', Click on the template developed by the Colorado State Patrol with the CPS Team Colorado Logo.

To do a car seat inspection, click on the form via the 'templates' tab inside your app. This will open a new inspection form. The app has the capability of taking photos, capturing signatures and exporting inspection forms to a PDF file. Past inspection forms are available via the 'audits' tab when needed.

Unfortunately, the app DOES NOT submit

agency.

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data for data collection; yes data reporting for CarSeatsColorado is still required.

[Bilingual Educational Materials for CPS](#)



Steps to CPST Recertification

Recertification Requirements

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

Here is what you need to do to recertify:

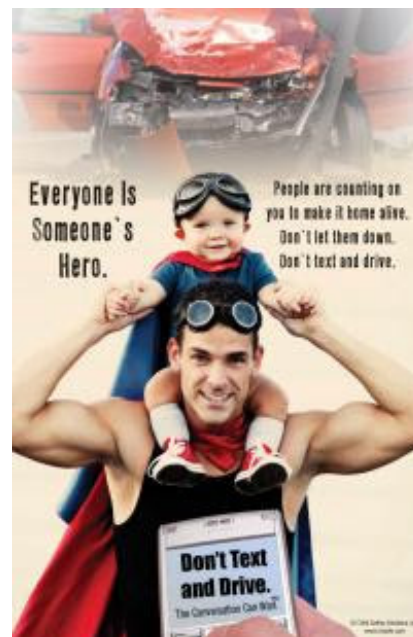
- Meet these requirements and record the activities in your online profile:
 - Conduct all five different types of seat checks
 - Participate in at least one community event (one checkup or community workshop)
 - Participate in at least six continuing education units (CEUs). As part of ongoing quality assurance, you may be randomly selected for a CEU audit. Keep proof of content and completion of CEUs handy for 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. A detailed fee table is available on this website under Resources-FAQs/Fees. 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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Jim Rohn

American Businessman 1930-2009



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