



Memorandum

To: Child Passenger Safety Advocate

From: Nancy Vandenberg, Program Coordinator

Subject: National Child Passenger Safety Certification Training Program

Date: January 10, 2011

The New Mexico Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Bureau (NMDOT TSB), along with Safer New Mexico Now (**Safer**), will be hosting the National Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Certification Training Program in **Albuquerque, NM, March 2 - 5, 2011**. Following successful completion of this four-day training, attendees will be nationally-certified CPS technicians.

This course is for individuals who have never been certified as a CPS technician, or for technicians whose certification lapsed two or more years ago. Attendees should have a sincere interest in CPS and community outreach and should come prepared to work. Attendees must be willing and able to participate in NMDOT TSB/**Safer**-sponsored child safety seat inspection events to help maintain their skills and support the program.

This physically challenging four-day course includes many hours of outdoor, hands-on practice with child safety seats and vehicle seat belt systems. The attendee's personal vehicle or law enforcement vehicle (preferably one without a cage) will be used for demonstration and installation of child safety seats throughout the course. Having a variety of vehicles ensures experience with a wide range of realistic child safety seat installation scenarios. There are also portions of the course taught through lectures, discussions, and role-playing. The course includes mandatory participation in a child safety seat clinic to be held on the final day. Continuing education credit hours are available for law enforcement, nurses, and EMS personnel.

If you are interested in attending this training, please complete and submit the attached application form. If accepted into the class, you will receive a confirmation letter that includes further details and instructions. Submission of this application does not guarantee admittance into this class. The NMDOT TSB is sponsoring the majority of the cost of this training. However, each student will be required to pay a \$100.00 fee by Tuesday, February 22, 2011. This fee will be applied to your NHTSA certification, course manual, and four days of professional instruction.

The deadline for receiving applications for this class is Monday, February 14, 2011. We expect the class to fill quickly, so please do not delay your application. You may mail or fax your application to **Safer**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (505) 856-6119, or Maredi Salaz at (505) 856-6143.