

Louisiana Passenger Safety Task Force



January 29, 2008

Dear Passenger Safety Advocate:

The National Certified Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Training Course is coming to your area. This interactive, hands-on program will be held **May 14 – 17, 2008.** The 4-day course is offered to participants through sponsorship from the Louisiana Passenger Safety Task Force, LSU Interim Hospital, and the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission. The course was developed by NHTSA and the National Child Passenger Safety Board to meet the needs of traffic safety, health professionals and first responders. Successful participants are certified as CPS Technicians through the SAFE KIDS Worldwide Campaign. There is a national 2 year certification fee of \$60.00 payable to the SAFE KIDS Worldwide.

Do not miss this exceptional opportunity to make a direct impact on traffic safety. Please complete the attached application to the state Louisiana Passenger Safety Task Force office. You will also be required to register and pay the certification fee with SAFE KIDS Worldwide. **YOU MUST BE REGISTERED WITH BOTH THE STATE OFFICE AND THE NATIONAL OFFICE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CLASS.** For additional information concerning the course, please contact Bridget Gardner or Patty Clesi at (504) 903-3181 or by email at bgardn@lsuhsc.edu

Class size is limited. Please register as soon as possible as the course will fill quickly.

Sincerely,

Bridget Gardner, RN
Program Director
LA Passenger Safety Task Force /LHSC



Why have Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians at your agency?

- To provide an invaluable service to the community and the agency.
- Provides the necessary education to enforce the child passenger safety law.
- Certified technicians encourage and enforce the use of adult seatbelt usage.
- Crashes are the **No. 1** cause of death for every age from 3 through 33.
- In 2006, there were 889 fatal crashes in Louisiana, 985 persons killed and approximately 80,000 injuries as a result of motor vehicle crashes.
- To decrease the number of injuries and fatalities and the associated economic, physical and emotional burden that surround crashes.
- Correctly installed and used child safety seats reduce the risk of death by 71% for infants, by 54% for toddlers, and reduce the need for hospitalization by 69%
- Current Louisiana child passenger safety misuse rates are above 90%.
- Decreases your agency's liability.
- Technicians can provide education to your staff and community.
- Develops agency to agency relationships.
- Increases your eligibility for grant funds.
- Nationally certified child passenger safety technicians have worked hard throughout our state to correct the problem – saving a countless number of lives. Please join our efforts.
- Optional Continuing Education Contact Hours are available for RNs, EMTs, and Health Educators.
- This is not an insoluble problem. Be a part of the solution. Save lives.



Together we are making a difference!

Registration is easy – just follow these steps!

*You must register with **BOTH** the Louisiana Passenger Safety Task Force office (application enclosed) and the SAFE KIDS Worldwide office.*



LPSTF Office

- 1) Fax your enclosed application to Bridget Gardner @ (504) 903-4162.
- 2) You will receive a class confirmation, agenda and expectations by mail and e-mail. Due to the delay in mail service, we highly encourage you to provide an e-mail address.
- 3) Questions? Call Bridget Gardner/Patty Clesi (504) 903-3181 or bgardn@lsuhsc.edu
- 4) Register with SAFE KIDS Worldwide to pay fee.

SAFE KIDS Worldwide

- 1) Go to www.safekids.org/certification
- 2) Create an on line profile.
- 3) Choose REGISTER FOR A COURSE
- 4) Locate the course. Course ID LA20080128108
- 5) Choose REGISTER FOR THIS COURSE on the course details page.
- 6) You will then have the option to either continue and pay online with a credit/debit/check card or print out a pre-filled registration form and submit it with a check, purchase order or money order. The mailing address, fax number and phone number for submitting registrations can be found on the registration form.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE DONE ONLINE. However, you can pay either online with a credit/debit/check card or manually with a check, purchase order or money order.

REGULAR STUDENT REGISTRATION CLOSSES 10 CALENDAR DAYS BEFORE THE START DATE OF THE COURSE. Any paper registrations received after this date will be charged a \$10 late fee. All late fees will be waived for individuals completing the registration and payment process online using a credit/debit/check card.

All late and walk in registrations will be charged a \$10 late fee, which can be waived if you complete the registration and payment process online using a credit/debit/check card.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations made at least 10 days before the course start date will receive a refund of the course registration fee, minus a \$10 cancellation fee. Cancellations made nine days or less before the course start date will receive refund minus a \$30 late cancellation fee. No fees will be refunded for cancellations made on the first date of class.

**Child Passenger Safety Technician
Candidate Application**

**To: Bridget Gardner RN or Patty Clesi, RN
LSU/MCLNO Trauma Services
University Hospital 8th Floor**

Fax to: (504) 903-4162

Region A– Baton Rouge, LA, May 14 - 17, 2008



DATE _____

NAME _____

TITLE _____

ORGANIZATION _____

IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR

TROOP AREA _____

COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS

Preferred Mailing Address?

This is where your confirmation will be mailed.

Work

Work _____ Home _____

Home

Street	Street
City	City
State	State
Zip	Zip

Phone (work)	(home phone)
Fax (work)	(home fax)
***E-mail	***E-mail

Did you register with National SAFE KIDS (see page 2) _____yes _____no (REQUIRED)

**THANK YOU, PLEASE FAX COMPLETED FORM TO:
LSU Interim Hospital / Louisiana Passenger Safety Task Force.
FAX: (504) 903-4162 PHONE: (504) 903-3181**

You must submit an application to receive a confirmation!