



Safe Kids – Maryland State Quarterly Meeting March 10, 2009

Minutes for March 10, 2009

Attendees: Terri Taylor; Charlotte Redman; Teresa Ann Crisman; Jennifer Johnson; Tammy Griffin; Rhonda Thomas; Emilie Crown; Donald Brew; Scott Kaiser; Pam Homiak; Wendy Mahan; Tim Branning; DuJuan Artis; Wm. S. Meyers; Jane Edwards; Tracy Whitman; Rich Mioduszewski; Katie Taylor; JoAnna Urso; Linda Cook; Angel Bivens; Beth Donovan; Maggie Rauser; Brenda Botchway; Bethanne Nessel; John Brandt; Diane Lee; Hana Smith; Stephanie Parsons; Julie Brown; Pam Fox; Terry Ober; Nancy Boyd; Janie Hutcherson; Terri Dayney-Smith; Eunice Brown; Sheila Johnson; Danielle Betkey; Cyndy Wright-Johnson

RSVPed Regrets: Barbara Beckett, Debbi Baer, Karen Hardingham, Marie Warner-Crosson, Claire Myer, Bill Roberts, Cindy Bowers, Larry Harmel, Meg Miller, Stephanie Hancock, Rose Ann Soloway

9:30 AM – Safe Kids Maryland Website work group

A small group met prior to the coalition meeting to discuss updates and revisions to the Safe Kids Maryland website. The new domain name of www.safekidsmd.org has been obtained for the next 10 years. Suggestions for updates include:

- ✓ Injury Risk Area – links to both website resources and posting of actual handouts and resources for educating children and adults.
 - Current Risk Areas are: CPS, Fire & Burn Safety, Pedestrian Safety, Toy Safety
 - Addition Risk Areas to be added: Poison, Bike, Falls, Water
- ✓ Links to local Safe Kids websites- coalition coordinators are asked to send their website addresses to Cyndy at cwright@miemss.org.
- ✓ Program links to include: Boy Scout program for Safe Kids Spot the Tot program; Car Seat Round Up guidelines
- ✓ Members volunteered to monitor and enhance these risk areas:
 - CPS – Emile Crown
 - Fire & Burn – Teresa Ann Crisman
 - Poison – Angel Bivens & Lower Shore coalition
- ✓ Champions needed for:
 - Bikes
 - Pedestrian
 - Falls
 - Water
- ✓ New Page Suggestion – 12 One liners/ Top 10: “What You Need to Know about Safe Kids” page needs to have an author and a few reviewers. Terri Taylor offered to draft some ideas for review.

9:45–10:00 AM Please be sure to sign in & updated your EMAIL

10:00 AM Welcome and self introductions

Cyndy Wright Johnson, Safe Kids Maryland state coalition chair/coordinator, opened the first quarterly meeting for 2009 at 10:00 am on March 10th 2009 with introductions around the room. Thank you to the coalition membership for their flexibility with the last minute room change. Handouts are located in the entry way and networking lunch will be served in the atrium on this lower level between Safe Kids and Occupant Protection Task Force meetings. We will discuss future meeting choices with the OPTF membership at the end of this meeting. Emergency exits and building facilities were reviewed. We continue to update the emailing list and Safe Kids Maryland 2009 membership information forms



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are available. Email and web posting of agendas, directions and minutes continue at www.safekidsmd.org.

Please send information for the minutes and requests to be added to the email group to EMSC Program office at **FAX: 410-706-3660**. Safe Kids Maryland will continue to send hard copies of information to those members who would prefer non electronic mailings. Please contact Cyndy and Sue at 410-706-1758 or fax at 410-706-3660 to be added to the US Postal hard copy mailing list.

2009 meetings: March 10th 2009, June 9th 2009, September 8th 2009, December 8th 2009

10:10 AM Update from Local Safe Kids Coalitions & Plans for 2009 Safe Kids Week

Baltimore City: Karen Hardingham reported by email that the coalition had a very successful Safe Sleep forum and continues with a busy schedule of CPS checks and Fire prevention education.

Carroll County: The coalition had a Highway Safety/ Safe Kids awards ceremony on February 20th with keynote by Stephanie Hancock from NHTSA Region III office with highlights from the 2008 year. Maggie will be teaching poison prevention and lead prevention to all the students at a Title V elementary school in Westminster with thanks to Angel Bivens and the MPC for all the materials. The coalition is also reaching out to local pediatricians with post it notes for the physicians to write on and give to parents with CPS information. Bike Helmet public policy grant involved fitting helmets for children in a 1st and 4th grade classes.

Safe Kids Week 2009 will be held on Mother's Day in Carroll County with other countywide activities that draw from across the county.

Frederick County: The coalition continues to work on the CO project through the DHMH prevention grant. CPS activities include: CPST Update 3/13/09 – 6 hour CEU, Training 5/18 -21st with Carroll County at Guardian Hose Activities building in Thurmont, Community seat checks throughout the county in 2009 at fire stations with drive through bays. Typically on Sundays: 2/22 @ Westview, 4/26 @ Myersville, 6/28 @ Urbana, 8/30 @ Walkersville, 10/4 @ Spring Ridge. The coalition is partnering with the Safe Routes to School Grant awarded to Frederick County Public School with bike safety events with the first one scheduled on 5/14 at Hillcrest ES. There will be a Safe Kids exhibit at the Ft. Detrick Safety Day on 5/7/09.

Safe Kids Week 2009 will be held Saturday 4/25 at the 20th Annual Children's Festival in Baker Park from 10 am -3pm.

Howard County: The coalition is working on Safety City project with safety messages on bill boards around the county. The coalition is developing guidelines for each type of project or activity to increase communication and understanding of the roles & responsibilities of each partner. Scouting projects continue with both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. *Another project "Come Grow With Us" at local hardware stores involves education based upon the Raising Safe Kids 2009 theme. The specific event for Safe Kids week is in the planning phase.*

Lower Shore: The coalition just completed a CPST course with 13 new technicians trained. A CPS update course is scheduled for 3/16 @ Salisbury Fire Department. Wicomico County is participating in a 2009 poison prevention poster contest with 400 children. On March 20th the spring coalition newsletter will be released and posted on their website.

The Spring 09 Safe Kids Lower Shore newsletter will focus on "Raising Safe Kids – One Stage at a Time" and will reach across the three counties.



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Montgomery County:

- ☺ Completed Coalition Performance Assessment Tool (CPAT)
- ☺ Participating in the 2009 School Safety Committee Phase I (Photojournalism project) in collaboration with Safe Routes to School Coordinator and Takoma Park Middle School. Participating in several outreach events. Planning for Safe Kids Week. Re: the Child Passenger Safety program-
- ☺ April, June, August, October certification classes scheduled
- ☺ April and August renewal classes scheduled
- ☺ November updated classes – 6 different times (4 CEU's)
- ☺ Spring outreach events are booking up fast. 6 different EMS updates at Training Academy scheduled for 2009
- ☺ 2 members going to Lifesavers at the end of March in Nashville
- ☺ Seat checks have been booked 3 weeks in advanced for over 1 month
- ☺ Very happy that Fitzgerald Auto Mall seat checks starting 3/19/09 again
- ☺ Emilie will be speaking Friday before 50 pediatricians at Holy Cross Hospital and packets of information for their offices.

Membership is always open for new members that live or work in the county and contact: Brenda or Emilie for details of meetings.

Safe Kids Week plans with the Department of Recreation are well underway.

Prince George's County: The winter CPST course was a success with thanks to everyone for their flexibility with the changing site location to allow for the best learning environment. The county has a new fire chief Eugene Jones who is very supportive of prevention and community outreach. On 3/28 the coalition is partnering with the Bowie Baysox for a community event with safety information. The county is working on a photo journalism grant for pedestrian safety at an elementary school with a very high turn over rate and children who live in many different neighborhoods.

Safe Kids Week activity will be part of the University of Maryland College Park campus wide event with exhibits and education.

Washington County: No report available at the time of the meeting.

10:45: Safe Kids Week 2009 – April 26 to May 3, 2009 with Theme “Raising Safe Kids: One Stage at a Time”

Maryland Safe Kids Week Activities (Based upon confirmation & identification of new funding)

1. April 22, 2009 – ENA by the BAY – Preconference on Injury Prevention in Ocean City
2. April 25, 2009 – Display on Raising Safe Kids at the MSFA Fire Prevention Executive Committee Meeting in Chestertown & potentially at the Ladies Auxiliary in Allegany Co.
3. May 6th 2009 – EMSC state Pediatric Meeting: distribution of Report to regional pediatric medical directors and liaisons to AAP, ACEP, ENA and School Health
4. Press Event or Press Releases under development

October 2009 – national conference in BALTIMORE MARYLAND



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11:00 AM Water Safety Update – Julie Brown, Maryland Department Natural Resources

- ☺ National Safe Boating Week is May 16th -22nd 2009 with the theme “Always Wear It”. Information (FREE) can be ordered from the www.safeboatingcampaign.net
- ☺ Maryland DNR has the following resources available for public education: Panda Suit (you need to provide the person to wear the suit), Panda Toys in PFD, Sea Dos with Julie available for training, Coloring books, Safe Boating Regulations handbook in hard copy and online
- ☺ May 30th will be the department’s Safe Boating Event
- ☺ Contact Julie at her Kent Island office with any questions 410-643-8502 ext 2211

11:10 AM Poison Safety Update- Angel Bivens & Rose Ann Soloway

- ☺ PPW is March 15-21, 2009. MPC did mailing to Emergency Depts. Numerous schools have contacted MPC to use materials in the classroom. The on line store is up and running for both MPC and NCPC – both will ask for a zip code and direct you to the correct poison center for resources.
 - ☺ Lisa Booze, Professional Educator for MPC, has been doing podcasts on MedicCast.com and The Nursing Show. Links found on the MPC website under Professional Education (subcategory of Education).
 - ☺ Internet rumor going around about hand sanitizers...again. Please refer to Hand Sanitizer info sheet on MPC website.
 - ☺ MPC stats for 2008 are in the works. Hope to have them posted on the MPC website within the next month. Total calls to MPC is down 500 calls from 2007 to 2008 (65,804 vs 65,301), but human exposures are up by 673 (35,455 vs 36,128). Animal calls up a bit. 37 deaths recorded in 2008...none in children.
 - ☺ Society of Toxicology meeting is March 15-19, 2009 in Baltimore with a conference event at Port Discovery on Sunday 3/15/09.
- Tips for 2009 Injury Prevention & Advocacy:
- ☺ Post phone number for poison center near phone or program into speed dial of home and cell phones.
 - ☺ Teach children to “Always Ask First” ...don’t touch, taste or smell anything until they first check in with a grown-up.
 - ☺ Keep products in original containers.

11:20 AM Pedestrian Safety - subcommittee volunteers please contact Jewel Johnson
Pool Safety is a topic that the state coalition would like to add to the resource list for the website and schedule an educational session in the future.



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11:30 AM Child Passenger Safety - Pam Homiak – CPS & OP Healthcare Project Update

- ☺ **2009 CPS Conference Call Series:** ○ First 30-minute lunchtime CPS Conference Call hosted on Tuesday February 24, 2009. Approximately 50 health care providers and Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPSTs) from across the state called in to learn about “Why is Rear-Facing so Important?” featured speaker: Emilie Crown, RN CEN, Montgomery County Fire Rescue. Slides from February’s Conference Call posted on the Project website Slides with audio embedded to be posted to the website by the end of March. (<http://www.miemss.org/EMSCwww/CPSHome.htm>). Two more calls to be hosted later in the grant year (dates TBA; invitations to call-in to be sent to hospital and primary care healthcare providers and CPS experts across the state)
- ☺ **CPS & OP Interactive Display:** Provided education on CPS & OP issues to 195 conference attendees at the Winterfest EMS Conference on Tilghman Island, January 31st and February 1st. Scheduled to appear next at Miltenberger on March 14th, ENA by the Bay in April, and Maryland EMS Symposium on May 16th. Focus of the display for FY09 continues to be promoting MD’s booster seat law and protection of passengers across the lifespan
- ☺ **Lifesavers 2009 National Conference** Educational poster on the Project entitled: “Child Passenger Safety & Occupant Protection Education: Getting Healthcare Providers Involved” submitted and accepted at Lifesavers 2009 National Conference in Nashville, TN. Poster to be presented on Sunday March 29, 2009 by Project Coordinator
- ☺ **Infant Car Seat Challenge (ICSC) DVD for NICUs:** Educational video on best practice for performing the ICSC in the final stages of production. Draft DVDs to be distributed to local and national experts for feedback. DVDs to be distributed to NICUs across the state as soon as final edits are complete
- ☺ **2009 Healthcare Provider Education Initiative:** CPS & OP Project Coordinator scheduling visits and in-service educational sessions at hospitals across the state through 2009. Contact Project Coordinator at cps@miemss.org to schedule an educational session. Education sessions will target NICU and nursery staff, ED staff, and primary care providers to ensure that up-to-date, evidence-based information is being provided to parents and guardians

CPS information at www.miemss.org/EMSCwww/CPSHome.htm or email cps@miemss.org

Child Passenger Safety KISS UPDATE: Tracy Whitman

Recalls: The latest recall list is dated 3/4/09 was circulated during the meeting.

Recycling Project: KISS is working on establishing a car seat recycling project, where parents can drop their old/unused seats off to local sites. Volunteers will dismantle the seats and bring them to a recycling site. We are looking for local volunteers from each county who would be willing to accept the seats from the public. If interested, or know of a local group such as a high school volunteer group, who might be able to assist with this program, please contact DuJuan Artis at 800-370-SEAT.

Completed 2009 Certification Trainings: January- PG County, February-St Mary’s County, March-Wicomico County

Confirmed Future Certification Dates/Locations: April-Montgomery County, May-Baltimore County, May-Frederick County (controlled), June- Montgomery County, August-Montgomery County, October-Montgomery County

Tentative Future Trainings: Carroll Co (controlled), Garrett Co, Southern PG/So MD area

Confirmed Renewal Course Dates/Locations: 3/25-St Mary’s County, 4/25-Montgomery County 8/15-Montgomery County

All courses, regardless of where/when they are scheduled, will be posted on the Safe Kids Certification Web site at www.safekids.org/certification. All registration is done on-line.

CEUs/Upcoming trainings:

Technical Updates: 3/16-Salisbury, 4/7-Sykesville-waiting for confirmation, 6/4-Baltimore City-FOP Lodge

Tentative Additional Trainings:

NICU Training- due out soon. This information will be disseminated through the state e-mail list.



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School Bus Training- KISS has initiated contact with a couple of school bus experts in the state to discuss the interest and feasibility of setting up school bus training.

On-Line Technician Profiles:

If you or other's at your agency are technicians, please double check your e-mail addresses. After updating the KISS state-wide technician list, there many bounce back e-mails, indicating e-mails registered with Safe Kids are not current.

New sessions to be developed: Field Assessment, New Product Overview, Continuation of MIEMSS Conference Calls

Special Needs Training: KISS is working with Johns Hopkins, Mt Washington Pediatric Hospital and Emilie Crown to put together a 2-day Special Needs Training for July 2009. Once confirmed, an e-mail with the registration form will be sent out to the CPS state list.

CPS Week: For those who have not heard to date, NHTSA has changed their National CPS Awareness Week to September 12-18, 2009.

11:40 AM Fire Safety – Jane Edwards, OSFM & Teresa Ann Crisman MSFA

- ☺ The 2008 final report on Maryland Fire Deaths (available online at www.firemarshal.state.md.us/) includes a 36% decrease in fatalities from 2007. Both 2006 and 2008 had 60 deaths. The 2009 fire fatalities can be found on an interactive map by location, time and date.
- ☺ The Fire Safe Cigarette law went into effect July 1 2008 with a phase in timeline. There has been a decrease in fires and deaths associated with cigarettes across the nation and we expect to see the same positive impact here in Maryland.
- ☺ Jane Edwards reviewed the bills that are currently being discussed in the legislative session and will have a final report for the June meeting.
- ☺ March 28, 2009 is the Public Fire & Life Safety Educator Seminar will be held at MFRI in College Park.

Risk Watch Update:

🚒 JUNE 2009 – CONVENTION planning has already begun with expanded focus on Life Safety programs: **Home Safety Display – HAZARD HOUSE** will focus on fire & injury risk areas, **Electric Safety Display** - partnership with a power company – HOUSE display, **Poison Safety Display** – based upon the training conducted by Maryland and National Capital Poison Centers, **Fire Prevention Display** included four types of smoke alarms and information on home sprinklers, **On Line resources from Home Safety Council, FEMA & NHTSA and Safety handouts for families who participate in the educational displays**

🚒 **Needed For 2009 MSFA Convention:** Volunteer commitment for one – two hours to ensure that the children (and families) learn the safety messages at each interactive display. Specific times and staffing will be planned with the Fire & Life Safety Committee at the March 29th meeting.

🚒 **Raising Safe Kids: One Stage at a Time** workshop that is based upon Safe Kids USA 2009 theme is also available for educational programs with an abbreviated version for the Ambassadors during their workshop.

11: 40 EMS Update: Cyndy Wright Johnson & Jim Brown MIEMSS

- ☺ Pediatric Base Station Course dates have been finalized for 2009: 3/12/2009 & 9/10/ 2009
- ☺ Pediatric EMS Data activities: NEMSIS to MAIS and EMAIS comparison is in progress by IT/ QM at MIEMSS, Pediatric Fact Sheets – continuing with data requests, PECARN & CARN : EMS Data Infrastructure project submission was completed by John New last week and CDMCC (Utah) is working with the data files
- ☺ Pediatric EMS Education 2009 list of conferences has been started and will continue to grow
- ☺ **Right Care When It Counts & Star of Life – DUE MARCH 30th 2009. Nominations forms are online at www.miemss.org**



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11:50 AM Old Business –

- 📄 **EMSC Partnership Grant – 2009 awarded:** Ideas for November 2009 Injury & Trauma focused forum – November 4th 2009 12:30 to 3:30 with WEBCASTING !!!
- 📄 **Web design workgroup** met at 9:30 today and we are ISO volunteers to monitor and suggest links for each Injury Risk Area – please see notes at the top of the minutes.
- 📄 **Topics for 2009 coalition meeting** – Suggestions include: Pool Safety, Pedestrian Safety and ATV Safety
- 📄 **Dates for 2009 Meetings** – **LOCATION TO BE CHANGED** to Judiciary Training Center in Annapolis. The rooms here at MSHO are not available on a regular basis and will not provide for networking before and between meetings. The Safe Kids Coalition members voiced both support and concerns for this move. Concerns included travel distance and change in location maybe confusing. Strengthens include new education and conference center that has AV support and comfortable seating that supports training. Space is also in compliance with fire codes. Details with directions will be both mailed & EMAIL to follow.

11:55 AM New Business – open for coalition comments

- ☺ Maryland ENCARE & Mid Maryland ENA is hosting a seat check on April 18th 2009. Pam Fox is the coordinator and is looking for both CPST and Senior Checkers as well as volunteers for safety and child supervision.

12:00 Adjournment to *Networking Lunch & transition to Occupant Protection Task Force*