



## Safe Kids – Maryland State Quarterly Meeting March 4, 2008

### Meeting Minutes

#### **Attendees:**

Sgt. Rhonda Thomas, Joann Urso, Nakia Rowe-Abrams, MPO Scott Kaiser, Terry Ober, Jacqueline Beckman, Debbie Jennings, Bryant Oden, Robert Jarboe, James Jarboe, Bill Roberts, Chief Arthur Smith, Janie Hutcherson, Diane Lee, Mary Jennings, Karen Waggoner, Tudy Schermerhon, Maggie Rauser, PFC Theresa Kelliher, Deborah Baer, Janet Demeritt, Jim Brown, Sue Catterton, Cyndy Wright-Johnson, Pamela Homiak, Terri Dayney-Smith, William Meyers, Lesa Breneman, Lt. Mike Switalski, PFC Hugh Bean, Sandy Wilson, Teresa Crisman, Brenda Botchway, Angel Bivens, Kelley Peters, Elaine Crow, Sgt. Mary Griffies, Jane Edwards, Marie Warner-Crosson, David Wiseman, Officer Lauryn McNeill, Cpl. Patrick Zito, Cindy Bowers, Patricia Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Ann Parlette, Officer Richard Mioduszewski, Becky Turpin, Sheila Johnson, Bethane Nesselt

#### **RSVPed unable to Attend:**

Nancy Boyd, Joe Collella, Tracy Whitman, Claire Myer, Terri Taylor, Tammy Griffin, Pat Carroll, John Lehnman, Lucy MacDonald, Rose Ann Soloway, Pam Fox, Amanda Distefano

#### **Welcome and self introductions:**

Cyndy Wright Johnson, Interim Safe Kids Maryland state coalition coordinator, opened the first quarterly meeting at 10:00 am on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 with introductions around the room. Cyndy again introduced Sue Catterton, Management Associate at MIEMSS as the contact for correspondence and mailing lists for Safe Kids Maryland. Please complete a Safe Kids Maryland 2008 Information Form and return it to Sue today or through fax to EMSC Program office at 410-706-3660 so that we can expand the data base to include emails for future notifications. 700 mailings for today meeting were done in early January with only a dozen or so returns. This mailing included the dates for all meetings, minutes from December and October meetings, directions to this location at MHSO, and the Information Form. We have received about 100 fax back forms so far.

MIEMSS and MHSO are moving to electronic notification for meetings and the website for Safe Kids Maryland will include subcommittee reports, Coalition minutes, meeting dates and locations, and links to local coalitions along with injury risk area resources. 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 and fax at 410-706-3660 to be added to the US Postal mailing list.

Meetings have returned to the Training Room at MHSO and we want to thank Tim Richards and the IT staff for making this room and the online technology available for our meetings. Special thanks goes out to those early arrivers who created a fire safe seating arrangement for today's meeting. There are technical difficulties with the moving wall that are on a repair order. Emergency exits were reviewed, access assured and the lunch will be served in the adjacent room. We anticipate resolution for our next meeting.



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### **Injuries in Children: Prevalence, Play and Prevention**

Based upon the December meetings focus group feedback, the Safe Kids Meetings for 2008 will include an injury risk area or age group injury prevention focus. Below is a partial list of the topics for each meeting. Regular reports and local coalition sharing will continue in the second half of each meeting. We are working closely with the Partnership for a Safer Maryland and the Maryland State Fire Prevention Committee to be sure that dates and topics are not overlapping in the same year. Please forward other committee and coalition dates with topics of interest to Safe Kids Maryland and we will circulate those that are open to the public.

Topics and presentations slots are open for volunteers and we anticipate that the website will be able to host both power point and PDF handouts over the summer for these presentations. A small group of reviewer is requested so that this resource can be customized within local and regional areas for reproduction and presentation. Please contact Cyndy if you are interested in doing a presentation or reviewing presentations before they are posted.

### **TOPICS for 2008 (So Far)**

#### **Part I – Kids do and say the darnedest things – Cyndy Wright Johnson**

Cyndy Wright – Johnson, MIEMSS EMSC Program Director & Maryland Safe Kids Chair, presented a brief overview with a power point presentation. The presentation can be modified to meet different audiences and volunteers are needed to create few templates that can be posted on the web along with specific state and regional data for childhood injury.

#### **Keeping Maryland Safe: Coalitions Working for Children’s Safety**

Objectives:

1. Identify the major injury risk areas for children at each developmental stages
2. Describe the injury prevention strategies for different ages
3. Recognize resources for Pediatric Injury Prevention available at the local, state, and national levels
4. And meet at least 1 new person and get 3 new emails today ... network

#### **Part II – Poison Risks seen in Children & Youth – Angel Bivens**

Angel Bivens, Public Education Coordinator for the Maryland Poison Center, presented a slide show of how children at different ages are at risk for poison emergencies. Prevention and intervention actions were included. She then shared a new DVD that is targeted for preschool ages that utilizes cartoons characters and is hoped to span time. This presentation can be made available for web distribution – Angel would like specific feedback before it is posted.

### **Poison Prevention Update**

Angel Bivens & Rose Ann Soloway will be jointly presenting a workshop tomorrow @ the National Resource Center for EMS for Children in Silver Spring in collaboration with both Safe Kids DC and Safe Kids Prince George’s County. This workshop has been presented in a number of locations in Maryland and can be repeated. The cost of the workshop is limited to on site costs, lunch and reproduction of the instructional binders. Please contact Angel or Rose Ann for more information.



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### Injuries in Children: Prevalence, Play and Prevention – for the rest of the calendar year:

Part III – June 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Water Safety with Children & Youth – Julie Brown

Part IV – June 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting - \_\_\_\_\_ - Volunteer Needed

Part V – September 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting – Kids In & Around Cars – Tracy Whitman

Part VI – September 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting - \_\_\_\_\_ - Volunteer Needed

Part VII December 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting \_\_\_\_\_ - Volunteers Needed

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### Child Passenger Safety Update

KISS Update presented by Kelly Peters, regrets were received from Tracy and Claire who were in Howard County conducting a CPS certification course.

KISS now provides 2 types of CEU trainings:

1. 8-hr CPS tech update to highlight current best practice, changes to the certification curriculum in education methods/terminology and new technology.
2. 1-hr CEU sessions will be providing in both the Lower Shore region and Baltimore County as part of a pilot project. Various topics will be taught in 1-hr sessions. Sessions in Baltimore County will be held in conjunction with monthly scheduled child safety seat checks. Sessions on the Lower Shore will be held in conjunction with Safe Kids Lower Shore meetings. A list of the topics/dates and locations will be sent out on the state-wide e-mail list and in Safe Kids minutes once confirmed.

During both these sessions, instructors will be available to provide recertification sign offs.

CPS Certification course dates: April 8-11 Baltimore City; April 22-25 Ocean City; April 22-25 Rockville; May 7-10 Cumberland; May 20-23 Frederick. Ocean City and Cumberland are open to the public and limited to 12 people. Rockville is open to 15. All courses and additional info are viewable at the Safe Kids web site. [www.safekids.org/certification](http://www.safekids.org/certification)

On March 3, Combi USA announced that approximately 67,000 child safety seats are being recalled because the seats could fail to adequately protect children in a frontal collision. The seats being recalled are Centre, Centre ARB, and Shuttle rear facing infant seat models 8065, 8074, 8086, 8087, 8520, 4400, 4515, 4520. Please contact KISS at **1-800-370-SEAT** if you need an updated recall list e-mailed to you.

**FROM THE CPS ADVISORY BOARD:** The new Maryland seat check forms are printed. Please note there are instructions regarding the correct way to fill out this new form. Potentially on the 2008 agenda for the board is: mentoring CPS technician instructors and setting up another instructor networking meeting.

**CPS & OP Healthcare Project Update presented by Pam Homiak:** written update was provided and highlights provided below. More information on this project can be found on the website at [www.miemss.org/EMSCwww/CPSHome.htm](http://www.miemss.org/EMSCwww/CPSHome.htm) or email [cps@miemss.org](mailto:cps@miemss.org)

☞ **New FY 2008 Grant Award:** The CPS & Occupant Protection Health Care Project grant started October 1, 2007. The grant will include:

- Ongoing networking with hospital MCH & ED contacts
- Maintaining CPS Technicians and Instructors to volunteer with hospitals
- Education on Angle Tolerance Testing (Car Seat Challenge) for high risk newborns



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- Recruiting hospitals to be KISS loaner programs in collaboration with KISS (DHMH)
- CPS Conference call in 2008 – focus on ATT/ CSC
- ☞ **Emergency Department CPS initiative:**
  - **ED Contact** has been made in most hospitals with a data base created
  - **ENA Child Passenger Safety display** sent to confirmed ED contacts at each hospital
- ☞ **Safe Transport of Children in Ambulance:**
  - “Secure It” display was at fall conferences
  - Collaboration with the National Study Center on data available for ambulance crashes
  - Top 10 Safety Check concepts to be expanded in training and video materials
  - New website of resource will be started this fall and a training DVD developed in the spring
- ☞ **CPS: Best Practice for Health Care Facilities** resources (online and CD) will be updated this year. Please contact the project staff if you are interested in serving as a reviewer or contribute your hospitals’ policies and procedures – we are looking for new examples and templates that are working in NICUs, Pediatric Units and Emergency Departments.
- ☞ **2007 Safe Ride News Fact sheets CDs** are available to each hospital by request
- ☞ **2007 “Child Safety in and Around Cars” Conference Call** PowerPoint slides with synchronized audio files are available on the website
- ☞ **2007 LATCH Manuals and CR Manufacturer’s Instructions CDs** will be sent to CPS technician liaisons assigned to each hospital upon request
- ☞ Child Passenger Safety Prevention materials are available from the EMSC CPS office and can be viewed on the above website. Order forms are also posted.

### **NHTSA Federal Update – presented by Stephanie Hancock**

Stephanie started her presentation with a tribute to Mr. Bob Crow for his years of services to occupant protection issues and for his dedication to supporting the work of Mrs. Crow. His life’s work will always be remembered and our thoughts are with the entire family as they remember him.

The NHTSA 2007 Survey results were summarized with a focus on the high risk groups that are emerging: Children 4 to 7 years of age (booster seat ages), children of Hispanic and Afro American ethnicity and race. Children 1-12 months have a 90% use rate, except for an 87% rate in the Hispanic group; children 1-3 years have a 90% use rate, except for 82% rate in the Afro Americans group. We need to target our outreach and training effort on these at risk children and their families. Details of the entire survey report can be found at [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov).

**EMS & EMSC Update – Cyndy Wright Johnson, Jim Brown MIEMSS:** written update was provided and highlights provided below. More information on this project can be found on the website at [www.miemss.org/EMSC](http://www.miemss.org/EMSC).

### **EMSC Right Care When It Counts campaign – FORMS for 2008 Available**

☺ EMS Awards for 2008 - new cases are being identified. Application for **MIEMSS Star of Life** and **MIEMSS Right Care** awards are available from Jim and Cyndy. They can also be found online at [www.miemss.org](http://www.miemss.org) – look under *Maryland EMS News* – the forms are interactive and can be typed. **DUE DATE APRIL 4<sup>th</sup> 2008.**

### **EMSC Partnership Grant (federal MCHB/NHTSA): 2006-2009:**

☺ The FY 2008 EMSC grant started on March 1, 2008. There are new changes in the national EMSC Performance Measures - please contact Cyndy for more information about these activities. The project continues to work on both – EMSC Data fact sheets and EMSC Education Enhancement for prehospital and hospital providers.

☺ **2008 Educational Conference Schedule to date has been updated and is attached.**



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Maryland PEPP-2 Steering Committee meeting January 16, 2008 @ MIEMSS and discussed the need for BLS PEPP Courses and possible joint courses with D.C. EMSC. Instructional resources under revision include Respiratory Emergencies and Vascular Access.

BLS Subcommittee projects for 2007 and 2008 – Lower Extremity Injury Management - Instructor Resource DVD/CD project has photo shoot dates February 14-16<sup>th</sup> 2008

Teleconferences and conference call planning –

- i. Distance Learning service needs are being explored with SHA & Towson Un.
- ii. Web Based Meetings – Go To Meeting contract has been obtained for 2008. We will be piloting in two locations for January PEMAC 1/16/08.

[pepp@miemss.org](mailto:pepp@miemss.org) – for information on EMS & Pediatric Education

- ☺ **November 2008 PEMAC Meeting** will again collaborate with the Partnership for a Safer Maryland to hold a joint meeting – topic to be determined but the date is November 5<sup>th</sup> 2008 at MIEMSS central office 653 West Pratt St. Baltimore Maryland. Meeting will be at 1:00 PM or 1300 hours.

### **Fire Safety Update presented by Jane Edwards, Office of the State Fire Marshal**

Jane Edwards reviewed the new legislation on Fire “Safe” Cigarettes and other pending legislation. A full report will be available for the June meeting.

Fire Death Update: Twenty children died in 11 fires during 2007. Fire victims younger than 15 years accounted for almost 22 % of all fire deaths for the year, a significant increase over the five young victims who accounted for 8.5% of all fire deaths in 2006, and eight children who accounted for 11% of all fire deaths victims in 2005. A contributing factor is fires with multiple fatalities in both the pediatric and adult population. So far in 2008, Three children died in a fire in Baltimore City on February 29<sup>th</sup>, ages 13, 8 and 5.

The 2007 Fire Death Report for Maryland is available for viewing at the OSFM website:

[www.firemarshal.state.md.us](http://www.firemarshal.state.md.us). Note that 90% of fatalities occur in residential structures and only 23% had working smoke alarms.

During March the message to “Change Your Clock – Change Your Battery” will appear on highway over passes, fire department road signs and other locations.

**RISK WATCH** - Teresa Ann Crisman gave a report for the MSFA Fire Prevention Committee – please summary handout and notice the two new communities. More information can be found at the website: [www.miemss.org/EMSCwww/RISKWATCH2.htm](http://www.miemss.org/EMSCwww/RISKWATCH2.htm)

Public Education and Life Safety Conference will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup> at MFRI and will focus on fire safety and prevention for people with different abilities. Registration is available on line at [www.mfri.org](http://www.mfri.org).

**Water Safety Update** – Julie Brown, MD DNR: written report was submitted and reprinted below:

#### **Injury Risk Area: Boating Safety**

- The Natural Resources Police has boating safety coloring books for ages k-3
- The State Regulations for Recreational Boating are available
- The PWC (Jet-ski’s, Wave Runners, etc.) brochure will be available by April
- There is limited availability of various give-aways – pencils, whistles, etc.



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- Presentations can be made at your event if you call the local, regional coordinator. Eastern – Cpl. Dallas Reece at (410) 820-1314. Western and Southern – Cpl. Harry Rhule at (301) 645-0062. Central – Cpl. Ronnie Dring at (410) 356-7060.
- Julie Brown is available to make presentations with the PWC on a trailer. Please contact her at (410) 643-8502.

### Update from Local Safe Kids Coalitions:

**Baltimore City** – Karen Hardingham will submit a written summary report. The coalition remains very busy on many projects and their website has focused information on specific injury risk areas.

**Carroll County** – Maggie Rauser reported that the Safe Kids van was rewrapped and looks wonderful. They will hold their annual Car Seat Bounty on June 7<sup>th</sup> and crush old car seats. May 10<sup>th</sup> is their Safe Kids Week activity in Westminster.

**Frederick County** – Nancy Boyd reported that the Poison prevention poster contest, held jointly with the Maryland Poison Center, had a great response and the winner will be announced soon. Posters will be made for distribution. The coalition received a grant to explore families' attitudes about CO detectors and will facilitate two focus groups. Their new website will be found on the injury prevention county website.

**Howard County** – is hosting a National Standardized CPS course this week. Terry Taylor sends her best and will submit a summary report for the next meeting.

**Lower Shore** – Tammy Griffin reported they will be holding a car seat check at Fruitland VFD. A safety day will be held on March 15<sup>th</sup> and Safe Kids Week activities will include an event on May 10<sup>th</sup> at the YMCA.

**Montgomery County & Montgomery County Health and Human Services/ Public Health Services, From: Brenda Botchway, Co-Coordinator, Safe Kids Montgomery County**

#### **Events:**

Safe Kids Week event Saturday, April 26, 2008 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. In Takoma Park (Grant and Maple Avenue)

2008 Meetings are held 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. @ Children's Resource Center (place subject to change). Dates are: March 10, 2008; May 12, 2008; July 14, 2008; September 8, 2008; November 17, 2008

Survey of Coalition members re: meeting day, time, location, communication and other concerns. Action Plan 2007 Outcomes and development of Action Plan for 2008.

Collaboration with the National Capitol Poison Center to provide Poison prevention mailings to Child Care providers and promote an in- service for professionals and others in Silver Spring will occur this week. Planning continues for Safe Kids Week "Gear Up for Safety".

**Car Seat Inspection** stations continue to be very busy. Open seat checks at Fitzgerald dates: March 20, 2008; April 17, 2008; May 15, 2008; June 19, 2008  
Held: 10 – 12:30 p.m. @ Fitzgerald's 5501 Nicholson Lane, Rockville

**Prince George's County** – Teresa Ann Crisman reported that the April 26<sup>th</sup> – Maryland Day at UMCP will include a focus on Safe Kids activities. The 4 H is doing a baby sitter program and Risk Watch activities are continuing in the child care after school programs across the county.



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**Washington County** - No report was available as this is Amanda's first week back from a wonderful maternity leave. We look forward to pictures and more information at the June meeting.

**Safe Kids USA** – Nancy Johnson introduced herself again to the group as a new liaison for Maryland and the local coalitions. She has been with Safe Kids Worldwide and looks forward to working more closely with local and state coalitions. She is available for meetings and consultation and provided each coalition with her contact information.

**Old Business** – Web design workgroup membership is needed. The plan is to meet at MIEMSS over the summer with the web graphic artist and create resource sections. Linkage will be made to other organizations – please send links to the EMSC program office for inclusion.

**New Business** – there was not new business discussed and the coalition meeting adjourned formal meetings for networking time followed by the Maryland Occupant Protection Task Force Meeting.

### Up coming 2008 Meeting dates for Safe Kids Maryland

June 4<sup>th</sup> 2008 – Wednesday 10 AM

September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008- Tuesday 10 AM

December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2008 – Wednesday 10 AM

Meeting location will be @: Maryland Highway Safety Office State Highway Administration  
7491 Connelley Drive in Hanover, Md. 21076 in the OOTS Training Room on the bottom floor  
*(back to the original meeting place from 2006 !)*

Please remember to bring a government ID (state, county, or drivers license) and sign in at the front desk. Elevators are to your right, spiral staircase is to the left. The OOTS training room is directly in front of the stair case. Networking lunch will be available between the Safe Kids meeting and the Occupant Protection Task Force meeting.

**For more information please call 410-706-1758  
Fax your attendance & membership forms to 410-706-3660**