

Dear Colleagues,

The New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee and the St. Lawrence County Traffic Safety Program are pleased to announce the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's "National Child Passenger Safety Certification Training Course" will be offered in our area. This Child Passenger Safety Technician training is scheduled **September 26 through 29 at the Massena Fire Station** on 34 Andrews St. (Rear entrance, with parking is around the back of the building). Times are approximately from 9 to 5:30 or 6 from Tuesday through Thursday, and 9-3 on Friday.

General Information

This course is intended to provide students with a basic level of understanding in the challenging field of child passenger safety (CPS). The curriculum is based on the guiding principles of "Learn, Practice, Explain" so that upon successful completion, the Technician Candidate will be able to explain installation procedures to parents and caregivers and help them to safely transport their child based on the child's age, weight, height, physical development, and needs. This is the minimum level of training needed to participate in the child safety seat education and distribution programs.

The course lasts for 4 days, and includes work at a car seat check that is open to the public. To become certified as a CPS Technician, Technician Candidates must register for this course online, pay the course fee and attend the **entire** course, which includes participating in class discussions and hands-on activities, passing all skills evaluations and open-book quizzes, and assisting caregivers at the checkup event. For those with physical limitations or special learning, reading, +/or testing needs, please contact the lead instructor at carrieme355@charter.net prior to the start of the class to discuss potential accommodations.

Students should dress comfortably. Activities will take place in the classroom and outside in vehicles regardless of the weather.

Registration and Deadlines

Registration for the course is through Safe Kids. The course fee is \$85, payable to Safe Kids Worldwide. To register for the Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification course visit the Safe Kids Worldwide website at <http://cert.safekids.org/>. Click on "Become A Tech", read the information page and then access the "what courses are in your area" link. Select NY20170710699 and complete the registration process.

While the cost of the course is 85 dollars, some people may be eligible for reimbursement in their county. For those in St. Lawrence County, attendees who **successfully** complete the course, and submit proper documentation to us within **2 weeks** may be eligible for reimbursement.

Due to grant rules, we must have at least 10 attendees signed up 2 weeks PRIOR to the start of the course (September 12). If we don't meet the minimum number, there is a chance that the course will be cancelled. So, please be sure to enroll by that date.

Upon successful completion of the course, new technicians will receive a two-year national certification through Safe Kids Worldwide. Technicians will be expected to follow the mandates

set forth in the “New York State CPS Standards of Performance,” which can be viewed at <http://www.safeny.ny.gov/CPS/cps-standards.htm>.

Please contact Mary Davison, course administrator, about any dietary restrictions or for any questions about the course (contact information below).

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