



Department of Health
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Child Passenger Safety Seat Technicians to be Honored at Statehouse

National Child Passenger Safety Week (Sept. 15-19)



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MONTPELIER – Approximately 80 percent of the 2,000 child passenger car seats checked annually by certified technicians in Vermont are incorrectly installed. The 126 certified technicians who are working to show parents the correct way to install a car seat and prevent injuries will be recognized in Montpelier on September 15.

Robert Ide, commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, and Chris Bell, director of Public Health Preparedness, which includes Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention for the Health Department, will present awards on the Statehouse steps (2 p.m. to 3 p.m.) to 11 technicians representing emergency responders, hospitals, community members, and law enforcement.

Colchester Police Chief Jennifer Morrison will accept the award on behalf of her officers for 'Fitting Station of the Year.'

Every county in Vermont has at least one of the 34 active fitting stations where families can have child car seats checked any time of the year.

Injuries are the leading cause of death for Vermonters age 15 to 44, and each year nearly 300 die and thousands of others are hospitalized due to injury. Children should not use seat belts until they are 4 feet 9 inches tall, and state law requires that all children up to age 8 are properly restrained in a child car seat.

AWARDS

15+ years of service

Sandy Peplau – Springfield Hospital
Randy Brouillard – Vermont State Police
Gay Godfrey – MVP Healthcare
James Becker - North Eastern Vermont Regional Hospital

CPS Technicians of the Year

Heidi Sargent – Essex Rescue
Steve Clark – DMV, Windham County Safe Kids

EMS CPS Technicians of the Year

Jillian McLaughlin – Lyndon Rescue
Beth Bearor - Vergennes Area Rescue

Firefighter CPS Technician of the Year

Harry Schoppmann – Underhill Jericho Fire Department

Law Enforcement CPS Technician of the Year

Cpl. Jaime Bressler – Colchester Police

Volunteer CPS Technician of the Year

Steve Munroe – Franklin County Car Seat Fitting Station

Fitting Station of the Year
Colchester Police and Rescue

For more information on proper use of car seats visit: <http://beseatsmart.org>

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