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OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW UPDATE YOUR CPS RESOURCES

As we head into the new year, now is the time to check your child passenger safety (CPS) educational materials and resources to ensure they are up-to-date. Having current publications will guarantee parents and caregivers receive the proper information to safely transport children.

- Safe Kids North Carolina offers free brochures, posters, ID stickers, and check forms and other resources available to the public. For a list of available materials visit ncdoi.com/EZ/SKOrder.
- The UNC Highway Safety Research Center maintains a list of car seat recalls. This list is intended to be used as a resource for Certified CPS Technicians and CPS Programs as they assist parents and other caregivers. To download an updated recall list, go to buckleupnc.org and select "UNC HSRC Car Seat Recall List."
- Consumers and safety advocates can check the NHTSA website for recall information on, not only car seats, but vehicles, tires and other equipment. This information can be found at nhtsa.gov/recalls.



NATIONAL BURN AWARENESS WEEK FEB. 2 – 8, 2020

National Burn Awareness Week is recognized each year in the first full week of February to bring awareness to the frequency and causes of burn injuries in the United States. According to the American Burn Association, roughly 70,000 people went to the hospital emergency department because of contact burns in 2018, with about one-third of the patients under the age of five. For tips and facts, visit the American Burn Association at ameriburn.org.

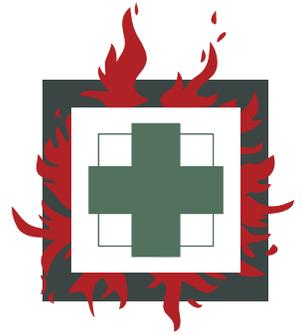
**DID YOU
KNOW ?**

One of the best ways to increase your social media presence is to be human. People want to relate to you and your organization on a personal level. Showing videos, events and photos helps you gain a connection with your followers.

THE SILENT KILLER

State Fire Marshal Mike Causey is issuing a statewide warning: "Beware of the silent killer, check your carbon monoxide (CO) detector to ensure it is working." According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 430 people die every year from accidental CO poisoning. In January, more than 100 families were evacuated from the McDougald Terrace housing community in Durham, N.C. due to possible carbon monoxide exposure. "What happened in Durham is a tragic reminder for all of us to understand the dangers of CO so we can take extra precautions during the winter months," said Commissioner Causey. As winter weather increases, the chances for CO poisonings also increase. Carbon monoxide is often referred to as the silent killer because it's an odorless, colorless, poisonous gas. Vehicles, generators and home heating devices can produce dangerous levels of CO in your home in a short amount of time, enough to cause illness or even death. CO poisoning mimics common illnesses such as the flu or food poisoning with symptoms to include shortness of breath, nausea, dizziness, light headedness or headaches. Do you know if you have CO in your home? Invest in a CO alarm.

THERE'S STILL TIME THE FIRE & LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION CONFERENCE will be held February 12 -14, 2020 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Concord. Over 200 educators from across the state will gather to learn more about how to educate and provide effective programs in their communities. Scheduled sessions include: Active Survival Training; What's in a Name; Re-Purposing History for New Fire Prevention Activities; If They're Not Listening, They're Not Learning; Partnering with Public Safety Agencies and Special Populations. For more information, visit ncdoi.com/EZ/FLSE.



SMOKE ALARM SATURDAY 2020 SIGN UP NOW!

Get Ready! The 3rd annual "Smoke Alarm Saturday" will be held June 6th, 2020. This is North Carolina's only one-day, statewide, smoke alarm canvassing event to bring awareness of the need to have working smoke alarms in all homes and to help our communities be as safe as possible in case of a fire. This year's goal is to have a smoke alarm canvassing event in all 100 counties. Smoke Alarm Saturday 2020 is sponsored by NCDI - OSFM and First Alert. Fire Departments that want to participate can receive up to 54 alarms to distribute in their communities. Visit ncdoi.com/EZ/AlarmSat to sign up.

WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

www.nfpa.org/Public-Education

Check out this website to obtain fire-related data, tip sheets, teaching tools, Sparky activities, videos and more.

Have an exciting story, photo, event or training that you'd like featured in our next newsletter?

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CPS TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION CLASSES

FEBRUARY 24 – 27	Morrisville Fire Dept.
MARCH 23 – 26	Lincolnton Co. Health Dept.
MARCH 24 – 27	Elkin Rescue
MARCH 30 – APRIL 2	Apex Fire Dept.
APRIL 6 – 9	Hemby Bridge Fire Dept.
MAY 11 – 14	Wilson Fire Headquarters - Station 1
May 26 – 29	New Hanover County Library
June 22 – 25	Caldwell Co. Health & Human Services

For more information on how to register for a class, visit buckleupnc.org.

CANCER IN THE FIRE SERVICE

The dramatic increase of occupational cancers is one of the most important problems facing the fire service today. The First

Responder Center coordinates the activities of the Fire Service Occupational Cancer Alliance, a collaborative effort among all fire service constituencies to educate personnel about cancer prevention, provide resources for those who have been diagnosed with an occupational cancer, and support research to address the disease. In September 2017, the FSOCA hosted the first national symposium focusing solely on fire service occupational cancers. Over the course of two days, presentations and workshops covered current research, prevention strategies, presumptive legislation, benefits, and other relevant topics. Based on the overwhelming positive feedback, they are taking the show on the road and conducting regional one-day seminars based on key topics from the symposium. On March 5 at 8 a.m., this symposium will be in Raleigh at the Wake County Emergency Services Education Center. The seminar is free, but registration is required. For more information, go to firstrespondercenter.org/events.

SMOKE ALARM CANVASSING GRANT APPROVALS ARE ON THE WAY!

The 2020 Smoke Alarm Canvassing Grant application period closed January 31 with an outstanding response. NCDOT OSFM received over 73 new applications and more than 70 returning grant recipients. Grant reviews will begin early February, with approval notifications going out the middle of February and alarm distribution in early March. Working smoke alarms are the best defense against home fires. Being able to provide N.C. fire departments with the tools necessary to protect their community is the goal of the Smoke Alarm Canvassing Grant program.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

FEBRUARY 12 – 14
Fire & Life Safety Education Conference

MAY 19 – 21
Safe Kids NC Injury Prevention Conference

IMPORTANT UPDATES

FEBRUARY 13 | 2:00 – 3:00 PM
Car Seat Manufacturer Update:
Goodbaby International
(Evenflo and Cybex)
Safe Kids Point Person:
Kerry Chausmer

MARCH 10 | 2:00 – 3:00 PM
Car Seat Manufacturer Update:
Diono
Safe Kids Point Person:
Kerry Chausmer

SCHEDULED RISK AREAS

MARCH 2020
Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries

Operation Medicine Drop

National Poison Prevention Week