



# California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Vehicle Occupant Safety Program (VOSP)

## *e-Newsletter for California's Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Community (Winter 2021)*

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This quarterly e-Newsletter provides a summary of CPS laws and programmatic support for the California community of local health departments, instructors, technicians, and advocates.

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### **I. CA CPS Technician Training System**

CDPH's VOSP provides support for Instructors to teach the following CPS Trainings: Technician, Update, Renewal, Special Needs, and Instructor Development. The Lead Instructor (or Host) is the main contact to coordinate with VOSP and to seek support for the training. If you are a CPS Instructor and want to start a CDPH/VOSP contract, please contact Claudia Angel [Claudia.Angel@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:Claudia.Angel@cdph.ca.gov)

POST credits for law enforcement for any CPS Technician Training are available through VOSP.

#### **A. Instructor Stipend Training Webinar**

The steps needed to contract with CDPH to be able to receive a stipend are multiple, specific and have a linear process. This year to be eligible to start a contract, you will need to participate in the Instructor Stipend Training Webinar. Even if you already have a contract in process with us for the July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 fiscal year, you will need to participate. The webinar training is set for [Tuesday December 14, 2021 at 10:00am](#). If you are a CA CPS Instructor you will receive an email notice of this training. The link to the webinar is [here](#).

### **II. How Do I Re-Certify?**

## A. Technician

### [Recertification | National CPS Certification \(safekids.org\)](#)

CPS certification expires after two years. Technicians and Instructors are required to successfully complete the recertification process before current certification expires. You must complete all recertification requirements, including paying the recertification fee, on or before the expiration date of your current certification. More Information: You can find many resources and tools to help you recertify under [Resources-FAQs/Forms](#).

## B. Instructor

As an instructor you are still a technician and have to recertify like a technician and in addition stay current on your teaching of the CPS curriculum. As such you must [complete 20 Certification/Certification Renewal Testing Course teaching hours](#). At least 10 of the 20 hours must be earned through lecturing or hands-on teaching of the full Certification Course. The other 10 may be earned from mentoring or teaching the Certification Renewal Testing Course.

## III. Technician Proxy

Is being a Technician Proxy good for you, your area, your CPS team? Technician Proxies can review and approve seat checks for Technician recertification. This designation is especially helpful if you don't have an Instructor local or easily available to you and your technician team. Steps to complete to become a Technician Proxy and more information about the role can be found on the Safe Kids Certification [website](#).

## IV. Traffic Safety Funding and Research

It's that time of year to [apply for your OTS grant](#) by January 31, 2022. If you want to review the OTS application workshop or the slide deck for the workshop go to:

[2023 OTS Grant Application Workshop Presentation](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9VZpMbMykdw>

To help you with your application, you can review NHTSA data briefs (below), the latest CDC [publication](#) on the cost of injury, and information from AAA Foundation ([2020 – Traffic Safety Culture Index](#))!

- [Summary of Motor Vehicle Crashes](#)
- [Rural/Urban comparison of Traffic Safety Facts](#)
- [Road Safety Fatalities Spiked in first half of 2021](#)

## V. We are here to support you!

Please contact VOSP staff if you have any CPS Technician Training requests or questions, need CPS educational materials, or want to be on the list to receive future VOSP e-Newsletters. We appreciate your efforts to improve vehicle occupant safety even during these trying and uncertain times. We will strive to provide you with the best customer service and support possible. Please reach out with any questions you may have.



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