



## WCPA Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, August 22, 2007

**Time:** 4:00-5:00 pm

**Location:** Holiday Inn Convention Center

1001 AMBER AVENUE  
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*The Wisconsin Child Passenger Safety Advocates (WCPA) meeting was called to order by President Sherri Faust. Sherri explained that WCPA was established in the mid 1970's and has served various functions over the years. At present, all WI CPS advocates are considered members and no membership dues are collected. The association is maintained in order to improve CPS laws and awareness of CPS issues in WI. The association is sustained through shirt sales with a safety message that are sold on the [www.wcpsa.com](http://www.wcpsa.com) web-site. More information about the organization can also be found on the website.*

### **At present for 2007**

116 have been certified as CPS technicians in WI  
61 more are registered for remaining classes  
14 received Special Needs Training

1. Re-certification requirements were reviewed. Sherri reminded technicians to not wait until the last minute to re-certify. It takes time to get signed off by an instructor and complete the re-certification requirements.
2. Reviewed ways to earn CEU's
  - Can earn all 6 CEU's off the [www.wcpsa.com](http://www.wcpsa.com) web-site. Click on re-certification and then "how to earn CEU's"
  - Take LATCH manual quiz. Manuals were available for sale at the conference
  - Take car seat instruction manual quiz
  - Attend refresher classes around the state or conferences
3. Reviewed the process  
CPS technician->Senior Checker->Site Coordinator-> Instructor candidate->instructor->Lead Instructor  
No one is obligated to advance in the process. It is an individual choice to seek a higher level of responsibility. If you are interested in advancing, please contact an instructor and work closely with the instructor to achieve the next level.
4. Reviewed setting up a safety events. Coordinators are encouraged to secure the work crew before posting the date and location. It is essential to have a senior checker present at ALL events to supervise the technicians, and have plenty of technicians to do the seat checks.

5. Announced that the new CPS curriculum took affect June 1, 2007. The new curriculum is based on need to know and not nice to know. This change has reduced class time to 3 days instead of 4. There is a need to change the instructor to student ratio from 1:5 to 1:4. As more instructors are needed it is likely that the registration fees will increase. This will be decided at the instructor meeting in November.
6. There was a discussion about how to reach minority populations and have more ethnic diversity. A suggestion was made to befriend the leaders of those populations.
7. Discussion of how to reach volunteers. Suggestions ranged from contacting Hospital auxiliary, service organizations, churches (students may need service hours) and local volunteer service organizations.
8. Discussion on how to get technicians to volunteer for events. Ask technicians what they want. One Coordinator changed the dates of their events to Thursdays instead of Saturdays, because technicians were not willing to give up all of their weekends. Maintain a core group. Establish a reward program.

*Thank you for attending and participating in this discussion.*

