

NC Child Passenger Safety Training Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2006

Members Present: Jody Piatt, Bill Hall, Kim Wittig, Betty Johnsey, Linda Wiandt, Mark Dillingham, Kelly Ransdell, Claudia Summers, Gayle Buchler, Angie Gregg, Johnny Blackman

Others Present: Allan Buchanan, Stuart Jones

Members Not Present: Irene Godinez, Eric Morrison, Kathy Mellown, Kenny Rhodes, Paula Bryson, David Poythress

Meeting was called to order at 10:20 pm.

Committee Membership

Bill received four applications prior to the June 16th deadline and one after the deadline with an accompanying letter as to why it was late. The membership committee will consist of members who are rotating off, Jody, Kim and Eric. Bill gave the membership committee packets with applications to review. The committee will have a recommendation at the July meeting.

Kelly has been in discussions with GHSP about El Pueblo's involvement in the committee. Gayle will check with Don Nail from GHSP to determine if El Pueblo will still be involved on the CPS Committee. El Pueblo will no longer be shipped seats for distribution. They will need to work through the Buckle Up Coordinators in area counties for assistance.

Gayle announced she will retire from GHSP August 31st.

2007 NC CPS Conference

Charlotte Hilton will not do state rate for any of our dates. Kelly is checking on two other hotel possibilities in Charlotte. Shell Island Resort offered great rates, but their conference facilities are not large enough to accommodate our conference. Wilmington Hilton will do \$89/night February 26-28. Holiday Inn Sunspree rate is \$149/night but is only available in May. Durham Hilton is available for state rate at the end of February, the entire month of March, or the end of April.

The committee's recommendation was to pursue the Wilmington Hilton February 26-28 for the 2007 conference. Once the contract process is underway, an email can be sent to possible attendees and speakers to save the date.

Session topics will be discussed at the July meeting and a tentative agenda set.

Kelly will begin the search for a 2008 location some time in March.

Status of Update/Refresher Class

Jody recommended we offer the update/refresher class at the conference in February. Betty said after looking at the two programs from Maryland and Pennsylvania, the Maryland program seemed more comprehensive and a better model to use.

Betty will begin comparing the two programs more closely and have some recommendations at the July meeting. The curriculum will then meet after committee discussion to begin compiling the class.

NC CPS Classes

This year we've had 8 fully funded and 8 partially funded certification classes. There have been 12 Basic Awareness classes held and there are possibly 2 more.

Current Class Status- 3 classes have been held since the last meeting all with 18 attendees. The Jackson/Macon class is scheduled for July, but is likely not to make.

Proposal for 2007 Classes- Requests from Davidson County, Anson County and Fayetteville for certification classes have come in for next year. 15 fully funded Certification classes, 25 Basic Awareness classes, 3 Renewal Classes, 6 Update/Refresher classes, and 1 Instructor Meeting/Update have been budgeted for next year. Bill recommended setting next year's schedule with dates and locations where classes will be held and folks that want to attend can choose a class that fits their schedule. Kelly will meet with the IPS staff to come up with a tentative recommendation for a class schedule and present it to the committee at the next meeting.

Renewal Classes- Richmond County July 13th only has 3 people registered at this point. Other requests are coming in, but no one is willing to travel to the available Richmond County class.

Other issues- Angie discussed the use of Instructor Proxy with technicians and questioned if we need to develop standards for technicians to meet in order for them to be used as proxies. As of now, dealing with designating proxies will be evaluated on a case by case basis by instructors. Betty suggested sending a list of area instructors to the Buckle Up Coordinators and urge them to invite instructors to their clinics to assist with signing technicians off for recertification. Allan said many technicians don't know how to contact instructors for help. Angie suggested including a list of instructors on www.buckleupnc.org Linda suggested all of these were useful and should be combined to offer a variety of ways for people to recertify.

Other Business

Two Instructor Candidate applications have been received. Both possible candidates are from the Asheville area.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:20.