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Mini Grant Update

Building Safer Communities and Bicycle Safety Mini Grant applications are under review. Upon receiving results from review committees, notifications will be made to all applicants. Thank you to all who applied. Your patience during this process is very much appreciated.

The turnout this year has been phenomenal. We received 19 Building Safer Communities applications and 25 Bicycle Safety applications. The ideas and innovation will make it difficult for the review committee. Again thank you to all applicants. Your projects are exciting and will truly make our communities safer!

If you are interested in either one of these programs please contact Kate Murphy—Community Traffic Safety Program Coordinator—katem@actsoregon.org, 800-772-1315, 503-643-5620. Also watch for applications to open again in late spring, they will be located at www.actsoregon.org/grants.html.

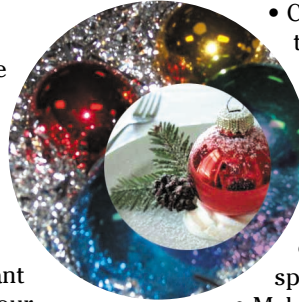


Office Party Etiquette

Seasonal office festivities can conjure up some unique challenges. First and foremost there is the decision to partake in alcoholic beverages, or not. This choice can be tough, and if made poorly, it can create an uncomfortable or unproductive workplace environment. It is important to consider the delicate balance of your workplace. As an employer are you comfortable that your staff can appropriately and safely enjoy holiday beverages? If the answer is yes there are some steps that can be taken to control the environment, and ensure everyone enjoys themselves safely.

Here are some tips to help you plan your holiday event.

- Establish a clear beginning and ending time for the event—an invitation that reads “5 PM 'til Late” is probably not a good idea.
- Always serve plenty of food and serve the food first, so that no one is drinking on an empty stomach. Offer a variety of interesting non-alcoholic drinks so they have easy choices if they choose not to drink. Don't allow alcohol to become the main event.
- There should be a main activity at the event—speeches, awards, activities, all help employees remember why they came in the first place.



- Consider limiting the alcoholic beverages to only wine, or only beer and wine and no hard liquor or mixed drinks.
- Consider having a party during the day. Keep an eye on alcohol consumption. Companies can track how much employees drink by using systems such as drink tickets, or closing the bar during meals, awards, or speeches.
- Make sure the bar staff are licensed and provide certificates of insurance for the event. Assure they are well informed and know the limits you have established. Make sure they do not serve any additional drinks to a person who is overindulging. Be sure that party planners keep an eye out for people who are drinking too heavily.
- Call a cab. If someone has been drinking too much, have a discreet system in place to help them, such as a free cab ride home or a few designated drivers to make sure they get home safely.

The prime concern of any organization is to keep their employees safe. Taking precautions before the event can help everyone celebrate safely. Have a Happy Holiday!

This article is an adaptation from Elliot, Powell, Baden, & Baker Insurance newsletter.

Traveling with Car Seats

During this time of year many of us are traveling to see family and friends. We load up the luggage, inventory the gifts, and bundle up the little ones for the trip. When traveling by car it is a no brainer to ensure that your children are riding safely in their car seats. When traveling by air however, it can be a little bit trickier. There are several things to consider when flying somewhere and the debate occurs about whether or not to schlep the car seats along. Hopefully these tips will aid in how to handle this debacle.

Unless the only vehicle you will be traveling in upon reaching your destination is a bus, it is best to be prepared with the appropriate child safety seat. That means bringing along yours from home or arranging ahead of time to have one at your destination. If you choose to bring your car seat from home with you, which is generally the best option, there are some ways to make the airport scenario a little less hectic.

1. Wait until you are at the gate to check strollers and/or car seats. By doing this they will have your things waiting for you when you exit the aircraft.
2. Make sure you label everything with your name and contact information.

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Featured Board Member:

Sergeant John Naccarato
Clackamas County Sheriff's Office
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Among his many accomplishments John recently received an award at the 2008 Oregon Transportation Safety Conference. He was selected as the Traffic Safety Advocate of the Year. This award speaks to John's dedication and true passion for traffic safety. This level of commitment and concern is part of what makes John such an asset to the ACTS Oregon board.

In addition John has extensive involvement in the traffic community. He supervises the Traffic Team for Clackamas County Sheriff's Office. He is the current President of the North American Motor Officers Association. John is also a Collision Reconstructionist and Motor Carrier Truck Inspector.



John has a wide variety of traffic safety initiatives to his credit. Some of these include:

- Motor Carrier Safety Belt Enforcement—Long Range Camera Detection System.
- National Pilot of Distance Between Cars Technology—targeting tailgating drivers.
- Initial Electronic Citation Pilot Project—writing the first e-ticket in Oregon.

- National recognition and awards for Traffic Team Motors, "Best in Technology."
- Multi-Agency Traffic Team partnerships within Clackamas County.

With such a full plate John still makes his contribution to the ACTS Board a priority. He truly believes in the mission of ACTS Oregon to reduce fatalities, injuries and crashes throughout Oregon.

State Booster Seat Use Requirements

Many of us travel this time of year. When traveling with children it is important to keep in mind that other states may have different laws. Oregon requires children over 40 pounds to remain in a booster seat until they are eight years old or 4'9" tall. As of September 1, 2008, 43 States and the District of Columbia had enacted provisions in their child restraint laws requiring the use of a booster seat or other appropriate restraint device by children who have outgrown their forward-facing child safety seats.

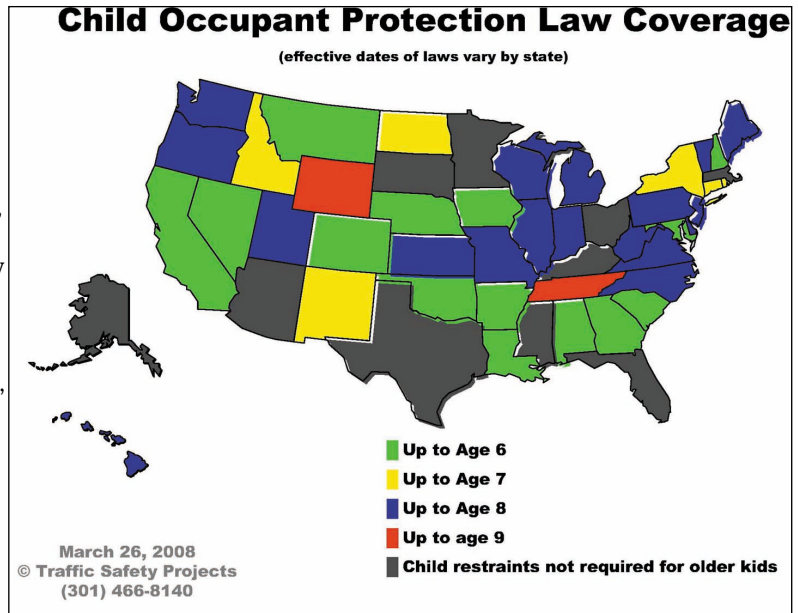
These states include: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan and Utah strengthened their laws to require restraint use by child passengers up to age 8, unless they are 4'9" tall. In addition, Kentucky and Mississippi upgraded their laws in 2008 to mandate booster seat use by children up to age 7, unless they are 50" tall or 56" tall, respectively.

Eighteen states and Washington, D.C. qualified for special Federal funding in 2008 under the Section 2011 incentive grant program. Those jurisdictions are: Delaware, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin. These funds are being used in Oregon to provide seats at a reduced cost to families who are low income. For more information on distribution programs contact the Child Safety Seat Resource Center at 503-643-5620 or 800-772-1315.

According to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, booster seats lower the risk of injury to children in crashes by 59% compared to the use of vehicle seat belts alone. For details, go to http://stokes.chop.edu/programs/injury/files/PCPS_Reports/pcps_cpsreprt_04.pdf.

Visit www.nhtsa.gov or <http://www.iihs.org/laws/ChildRestraint.aspx> for additional details on the provisions of state child restraint laws.



Roseburg CPS Technician Class

November 3-6, 2008

The weather was windy and wet, but thanks to

the hospitality of Douglas County Fire District #2, the students and instructors in the Roseburg child passenger safety technician class stayed warm and dry.



Congratulations to Oregon's newest technicians: Kate May—**Albany Fire Department**, Charity McComb—**American Red Cross**, Jackie Potter—**Department of Human Services, Coos County**, Kamron Ismaili and Kris Sherman—**Illinois Valley Fire District**, Melissa Benson and Dawn Gundy—**Mercy Family Birth Place**, Gillian Nelson—**Morrow County Sheriff's Office**, Sean Barrett and Liz Iabichello—**Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue**, Elva Salinas Garcia and Rosa Rivera—**Virginia Garcia**

Clinic, and Danielle Earle—Western Lane Ambulance.

Thank you to an awesome instructor team who all went above and beyond to make this class happen. Scott Downing—**Jackson County Fire District #3**, Brandon Meyer—**Medford Parks and Recreation**, Jeff Oliver—**Lake Oswego Police Department**, Sandy Holt—**ACTS Oregon.**

A big thank you goes out to Rose Senger—**ODOT Region 3**, Marilyn Carter and Ratina Hagedorn—**Douglas County Health and Social Services** and Bob Wilkinson—**Douglas County Fire District #2** for all their help making this class possible.

Traveling with Car Seats

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If you choose to arrange to have a car set at your destination there are a few options. Most people are visiting family or friends who may be assisting them with this arrangement. If they are borrowing a seat be sure it is less than six years old, the appropriate seat for your child's age and weight, and has never been in a crash.

Purchasing a seat online for delivery to family or friends is a good way to make sure that you have the appropriate seat waiting. Keep in mind however that they need to ensure the seat is properly installed. The best way to do this is by attending a child safety seat check up event or meeting with a certified child passenger safety technician. To locate a technician visit www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cps/cpsfitting/index.cfm, by entering a zip code a listing of check up events and organizations will appear.

Last but not least, remember that taxis are vehicles too. Make sure your child is riding safe in their car seat. If you have further questions about traveling with car seats, please call the Child Safety Seat Resource Center at 800-772-1315.



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Join these wonderful people who are members of ACTS Oregon!

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A Courteous Reminder

The sidewalks are bustling, the streets are buzzing, and lights are twinkling. These are signs that the holidays are upon us. This season ACTS Oregon would like to send out a friendly reminder to be safe and courteous.

There is enough stress in all areas of life, why not use your time in your vehicle as a time to slow down and enjoy the festivities. Ensure that you are obeying the speed limit. Keep a safe distance between yourself and other vehicles on the road. Drive with your lights on; think of it as a way to not only increase visibility but to add a little extra sparkle to our mostly cloudy days!

**Happy Holidays to all!
Be safe, Be Courteous!**

Check Up Clinics and Fitting Stations

Please check www.childsafetyseat.org under Child Passenger Safety/Calendar for current list, specific dates, locations and times.

Date	City	Location	Address	Time
12/13/08	Beaverton	Police Department	4755 SW Griffith Drive	9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
12/17/08	Corvallis	Fire Department	400 NW Harrison Street	8:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.
12/17/08	Bend	Fire Department	1212 SW Simpson	10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
12/17/08	Sherwood	Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue	15440 Oregon Street	4:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
12/18/08	La Grande	Fire Department	1806 Cove Avenue	9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
12/20/08	Milwaukie	Clackamas Fire District #1	2930 SE Oak Grove Boulevard	10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
12/20/08	Salem	Hospital	665 SE Winter Street	11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
12/27/08	Portland	Fire Department	2915 SE 13th PL.	10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
01/08/09	La Grande	Fire Department	1806 Cove Avenue	9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
01/08/09	Redmond	Fire Department	341 Dogwood Avenue	10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
01/08/09	Ontario	Fire Department	444 SW 4th Street	3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.
01/10/09	Beaverton	Police Department	4755 SW Griffith Drive	9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
01/14/09	McMinnville	Fire Department	Please Call: 503-435-5800	
01/15/09	La Grande	Fire Department	1806 Cove Avenue	9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Save the Date!

The 2009 Oregon Transportation Safety Conference will be held at the Best Western Hood River Inn October 27–29, 2009.

If you are interested in presenting or have a recommendation for a presenter please let us know. Email safety@actsoregon.org or call 800-772-1315, 503-643-5620.

Keep an eye on the conference section of the ACTS Oregon website, www.actsoregon.org/conference.html, for current conference details, schedules, registration, and directions. We hope you can join us next fall!

Another important date to put down in your planner is the 2009 National Safe Routes to Schools Conference. This year it is going to be held right here in Portland August 19–21, 2009. Watch for more details as they become available.

Training Opportunity

Federal Funding of Local Agency Projects

Date: December 16, 2008 • **Place:** Oregon State University, Kiddler Hall 278 • **Time:** 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

This in-depth presentation by Federal Highway Administration and Oregon Department of Transportation officials is considered a must for understanding the financial ins and outs of the local federal aid program in Oregon. The class fee is \$45. Register online at, www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/LGS/training2.shtml.



Happy Holidays!

The Staff at ACTS Oregon

