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Albuquerque, NM – Hundreds of child passenger safety technicians will meet March 20-21 at Sandia Resort for the NMDOT Traffic Safety Division's and Safer New Mexico Now's Annual Buckle Up New Mexico Recertification Training. The event is designed to bring New Mexico's child passenger safety technicians and instructors together for two days of intensive classroom and applied activities that address the most current issues in the field of child passenger safety.

In addition, a child safety seat clinic will be held on March 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Sandia Resort's parking lot, Section C6-C8. The clinic is a free public service available to everyone, and is made possible by the New Mexico Department of Transportation.

The clinic provides parents and caregivers the opportunity to receive "hands-on" instruction from certified technicians about the correct use of child safety seats. Technicians will educate them on choosing and installing the appropriate safety seat for their child and vehicle. The technicians can also determine if a seat is recalled, expired or otherwise unsafe. Parents and caregivers must bring the child safety seat and, if possible, the child. For an appointment, please call (505) 856-6143.

The Buckle Up New Mexico Recertification Training provides technicians with an opportunity to earn continuing education units through classroom discussions and presentations facilitated by industry professionals. Technicians will also have their seat installations observed under the watchful eye of certified child passenger safety instructors. This continuing education is required in order to maintain active certification status through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Safe Kids Worldwide.

Sandia Resort is located at 30 Rainbow Road, near the intersection of Tramway Blvd. and Interstate 25.

For more information about child safety seat inspection events or becoming a certified technician, please contact Safer New Mexico Now at (505) 856-6143 or info@safernm.org.

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