



## Carol Ann Giardelli – Director of Safe Kids New Jersey Prepares to Retire



Carol Ann is the Founding Director of Safe Kids New Jersey which was founded over thirty years ago. Part of Safe Kids Worldwide and led by Central Jersey Family Health Consortium with support from Founding Sponsor Johnson & Johnson, Safe Kids New Jersey works with families and communities to keep kids safe from unintentional injuries. At the heart of its efforts is an extensive network of fifteen local coalitions and hundreds of partners to reduce traffic injuries, drownings, falls, burns, poisonings.

Under Carol Ann’s Direction, Safe Kids New Jersey has also been instrumental in gaining passage of key child safety legislation in occupant protection, sports safety and more. She has been recognized nationally and globally for outstanding leadership and program excellence and was honored to present its Home Safe Home initiative at the World Conference on Injury Prevention in Bangkok, Thailand. At the request of the Governor, Carol Ann has served on New Jersey’s Advisory Council on Traumatic Brain Injury and was an appointee to the Governor’s Taskforce on Distracted Driving. She also serves as a charter member to Safe Kids Worldwide’s Presidential Advisory Council. Additionally, Carol Ann sits on the Child Fatality and Near Fatality Review Board for Central Jersey and is a nationally certified Child Passenger Safety Technician.

Carol Ann will leave a long legacy of Child Injury Advocacy behind, as she steps aside to spend more time with her husband and family. Carol will be remembered as a good friend, mentor and advocate to many. We wish Carol Ann good health and happiness in the future.

### Safe Kids QR Codes

To help share our great resources, Safe Kids Worldwide has created QR Codes for the Parent’s Guide to Child Safety, the Family Safety Activity Book, the Imagine video, and the Ultimate Car Seat Guide. Take a look, you will find some new information for sure.




 	 
 	 

## 2020 Northern NJ Safe Kids/ Safe Communities Awards

Our 2020 Awards Luncheon was put on hold “Due to COVID” until October of 2021. After a long wait, we were able to recognize the efforts of our Outstanding Individual and Organization for 2020.

**Zach Leach CPST** has been a reliable and competent throughout his tenure with NNNJ Safe Kids Safe Communities. For this he was recognized with the Outstanding Individual Award for 2020. Zach started with Safe Kids as an intern in 2018. He has worked at our cps stations, bike rodeos, health fairs, training classes and is always available to help clean out the storage unit. We are honored to have Zach as part of our team.

The Outstanding Organization for 2020, never closed their doors to us. The **East Hanover Fire Department** has welcomed our training classes throughout the year. Their state-of-the-art AV system has made all our presentations look first rate. We thank the East Hanover Fire Department for their continued hospitality.

**Jackie Leach CPST-I** worked through the early months of COVID to develop a now nationally recognized Virtual Car Seat Check. Between April and July, Jackie completed 240 virtual car seat checks on her own. She worked to set up new policies for our Car Seat Inspection Stations and coordinated new policies for our CPST Classes. These efforts, and Jackie’s continued advocacy for Child Passenger Safety were recognized with the Carl P. Valenziano Award for 2020. Carl P. Valenziano was the first director of the Critical Care, Trauma and Injury Prevention Department of Morristown Medical Center.

On behalf of our Injury Prevention Coalition, I want to honor our award winners.

## Child Passenger Safety Inspection Stations

Do you know Northern NJ Safe Kids/Safe Communities hosts 7 Car Seat Inspection Stations throughout Northern NJ.

We have 12 CPS Sessions that you can attend. Take a look. You may find one in your area.

**Northern NJ Safe Kids/Safe Communities**  
**Car Seat Inspection Stations**

**Morris County**  
**Chester First Aid Squad**  
100 North Rd, Chester NJ 07930  
Open 1st Tuesday of Month 2pm – 6pm  
and 3rd Thursday of Month 7am – 12 noon

**Denville Fire Department/  
St. Clare's Hospital**  
2 Indian Road  
Denville, NJ 07834  
Open the 1st Monday of the Month  
10am – 1 pm

**MT Tabor Volunteer Fire Department**  
72 South Powder Mill Road  
Morris Plains, NJ 07950  
Open Wednesdays  
September - May 9 – 3pm  
June - July - August 9 – 1pm

**Shade Tree Garage**  
171 Washington St.  
Morristown, NJ 07960  
Open 2nd Saturday of Month 8am – 12 noon  
and 3rd Tuesday of Month 5pm – 8pm

**Essex**  
**Fairfield Fire Department**  
51 Plymouth St.  
Fairfield, NJ 07004  
Open the 1st Tuesday of Month  
9am – 12 pm

**Passaic County**  
**Pompton Lakes First Aid Squad**  
700 Ramapo Ave  
Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442  
Open 3rd Monday of Month  
4pm – 7pm

**Sussex County**  
**5 West Shore Trail**  
Sparta, NJ 07871  
Open 4th Monday of Month  
10am – 1pm



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The CPS stations are financially supported by grant funding and individual donations. A suggest donation of \$10.00 per seat is recommended at the time of services

## FIRE SAFETY



### Child Safety Around Gas Fireplaces

3rd degree burns are serious and can happen in less than 1 second from contact with the glass on the front of a gas fireplace.



Every day, **3 children** under age 6 go to the ER for burns related to fireplaces, including gas fireplaces.



Young children can be **unsteady** as they learn to walk, often using surfaces within their reach to pull themselves up.



Little ones have **slower reflexes** and may not be able to move their hands away quickly when they touch something hot.



Young kids have **thinner skin** on their palms than adults, which can lead to more serious burn injuries.

**How hot are they?**

**212°F**  
boiling water

**350°F**  
baking a cake

**400°F**  
hair iron

**500°F**  
glass on a gas fireplace

### Tips for Parents and Caregivers

**Watch children around fireplaces.** When a gas fireplace is turned on, the glass is extremely hot and can take more than an hour to cool down after it is turned off. Keep children away from the fireplace to prevent burns from the hot glass.

**Make sure your gas fireplace has a safety screen or safety gate.** These barriers help keep children away from the hot glass on fireplaces. If you need a safety screen, contact the fireplace retailer or manufacturer for the best option for your fireplace.

**Keep fireplace remote controls out of children's reach and sight.** Make sure children also stay away from on and off switches for gas fireplaces.

**Think about places outside of your home with fireplaces.** When traveling to other homes, restaurants, hotels or resorts, there may not be a safety screen or safety gate installed. Keep children away from the fireplace and teach them not to touch the glass.

**If there is an emergency, call the doctor or 9-1-1 immediately.** Physicians can give you information on how to treat a burn correctly.

**SAFE KIDS WORLDWIDE**

## Follow Us on Social Media!

Northern New Jersey Safe Kids is on Facebook and Instagram with new posts, information that may keep you and your family safe.

Take the time to like our page, share it with a friend or your local community groups.

Help us get information out on Injury Prevention. It can make a difference.

Prevention Works is the official biannual newsletter of Northern NJ SAFE KIDS/Safe Communities. We welcome articles of interest highlighting your community or organization. Let us know how you have made your community a safe community.

If you have any comments or topics you would like to see covered, please feel free to contact Karen Jean Feury, RN  
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