

# ARKANSAS CPS TECH UPDATE

This is the 23<sup>rd</sup> issue of our quarterly electronic newsletter for child passenger safety (CPS) advocates throughout Arkansas. In order to remain up to date on major issues in the ever-changing field of CPS, each edition will provide the latest news, recall information, and CPS information. We would like to spotlight a local or statewide CPS program that is making a difference in their community or state. If you would like to share the successes of your program, or other programs you know about, we would love to hear about them. We welcome any and all suggestions to help make this newsletter useful to you as a CPS technician or advocate. If this is your first time to receive the Tech Update, back issues are available upon request.

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**Visit our website to learn more about upcoming events: [www.carseatsar.org](http://www.carseatsar.org)**

QUICK GLANCE:

Sept 18-24 Child Passenger Safety Week

Sept 24 National Seat Check Saturday

Also be sure to check out the *Technician Corner* tab, you can find back issues of the CPS Tech Update and links to many of the websites we rely on for up-to-date information. Please let us know if you have any CPS events you would like on the calendar.

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## CPS UPDATE – LATEST NEWS YOU CAN USE:

**Understanding Inflatable Seat Belts** – The 2011 model year brings a new occupant protection feature from Ford Motor Company: inflatable rear seat belts. With an internal air bag in the shoulder portion of the belt system, the belts are designed to provide better protection to rear-seat passengers. They are available initially as an option on certain models of the Explorer.

Although Ford's inflatable seat belts function like regular seat belts during everyday use, the shoulder belt portion looks padded and has softer edges than regular seat belts. The belt has two retractors, one for the lap belt and another for the shoulder belt. The lap belt has a switchable retractor to accommodate child restraint (CR) installations.

To learn more, see Ford's press release, video, and graphics on inflatable seat belts and their inflation on the Ford media website <http://media.ford.com>, (search for "inflatable seat belt").

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# WELCOME NEW TECHNICIANS!

(2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2011)

## April 2011 Certification Class in Newport

Jonathan Anderson, Newport Fire Department  
Perry Callahan, Newport Fire Department  
Ricky Carroll, USAF, LRAFB  
Joshua Caughran, Newport Fire Department  
Adam Fields, Newport Fire Department  
Steven Huff, Newport Fire Department  
Matthew Straschinske, Cabot Fire Department  
Brandon Tounzen, Cabot Fire Department  
Joe Wooding, 19 AW/Safety, LRAFB

## June 2011 Renewal Class in Little Rock

Michael Bedsole, Benton Police Department  
Cody Burk, Pulaski County Sheriff's Office  
Tomisha Gant, Delta AHEC  
Eloise Leffingwell, Pickles & Ice Cream  
Linda Martineau, UAMS Nursery  
Errin McRae, Delta AHEC  
Frank Sears, Hot Springs Police Department  
Jimmy Thompson, Benton Police Department  
Deborah Tull, UAMS

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## **RECALLS: ARE YOU UP TO DATE?**

Do you have the most up-to-date recall list? The Recall List is based on the latest information received and verified as of 7/27/2011. The *SafetyBeltSafe USA* recall list was updated February 21, 2011. The University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center recall list was updated March 2, 2011, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's recall list was last revised February 14, 2011.

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### **To access and view an updated recall list, go to:**

**1) *SafetyBeltSafe, USA:* [www.carseat.org](http://www.carseat.org)**

This recall list includes both official recalls and problems that have been identified by child passenger safety advocates. Sections are organized alphabetically by manufacturer. At the end of each section is a list of seats without recalls and seats that should no longer be used. There is no cost to view the SBS recall list. Only subscribers can print the recall list.

**2) University of North Carolina, Highway Safety Research Center:** [www.hsrb.unc.edu](http://www.hsrb.unc.edu). This recall list is available on-line and can be printed free. It is updated when an official recall is added to the list. The index of seats makes it easier to find recalled seats in the document. On this site, you can sign up for a free notification service to receive an email whenever a new recall is added to this list.

**3) National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:** [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov)

This recall list is available on-line and can be printed free. It is only updated when an official recall is added to the list. On this site, you can sign up for a free notification service to receive an email whenever a new recall is added to this list.

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## CPS PROJECT SPOTLIGHT:

I thought I would take this time to highlight some techs in the field. On June 18, 2011, a fishing derby was held at Arkansas Post near Dumas. What relevance does that have to CPS you ask? It has a lot of relevance, Sherry Pennington, CPST, Delta Memorial Hospital, Dumas and Melissa Jackson, CPST, Chicot Memorial Hospital, Lake Village teamed up to check seats and give education about child restraints to the people attending the fishing derby. They used that opportunity to educate approximately 30 adults and 20 children on proper restraint use in the car, and they were able to assist three children who needed seats. Way to go Sherry and Melissa!!

Addressing child restraints does not have to wait for a large publicized event or occur in a Wal-Mart parking lot. We don't even have to wait for someone to call us. If you want to start something in your community, try tying CPS into events already happening. Most people are fairly receptive and will let you set up a booth to distribute information. You can always call the CPS Education Program or the Injury Prevention Center at ACH to help you get materials to hand out.

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## CPS RESOURCES:

CPS *Express!*



### A) National CPS Certification's *CPS Express* is available online:

<http://cert.safekids.org/resources/express.html>


The April 2011 Issue includes information on the following:

- New AAP Guidelines on Seat Selection: Safe Kids and NHTSA Concur
- National CPS Training Program Curriculum Suggestions?
- The National CPS Board Announces the 2010 Technician and Instructor of the Year

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### B) National CPS Board *Tech Update Tools for Techs* – **Sign up now!**

Source: *Spring 2011 Issue* Go to [www.cpsboard.org](http://www.cpsboard.org)

- 1)  **Updated CPST Certification Course Manual** – The National Child Passenger Safety Board announced the release of the October 2010 revised version of the curriculum for the CPST certification manual. In addition to general course improvements, several key highlights and updated recommendations for best practice are included.
- 2) **Current CR Instructions** – An updated DVD containing all CR manufacturers' instructions and summary sheets (CR model years 2000–2010) is now available from SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. at [www.carseat.org](http://www.carseat.org).
- 3) **Additional Learning Opportunities** - Don't forget to read CPS Express! every month for a list of upcoming trainings, webinars, and CEU opportunities.



## C) RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS – Don't Wait Until the Last Minute!

### Tips on How to Get CEUs for Recertification

You may re-certify up to four months before your certification expiration date without losing any time. Avoid problems--don't delay! You MUST know your username and password to complete the online recertification process. If you don't know both, please call 877-366-8154.

**You need 6 CEUs (you can mix and match) to recertify. Many may be done at your convenience.**

#### A few tips to get you started...

**Newsletters/Manuals/Journals:** (Category 5)

##### [Tech Update](#)

- At the CPS Board's home page ([www.cpsboard.org/](http://www.cpsboard.org/)), click on **Earn CEUs Online** (right column). You will have several editions to choose from.
- Two updates with quizzes for one CEU only (1 CEU max).

##### [Examples of scientific articles](http://cert.safekids.org) – updated quarterly <http://cert.safekids.org>

- This is a listing of various scientific journal articles that you can read (you have to locate them). It allows for 3 articles to equal 1 CEU; 1 CEU is the maximum allowed for this category.

##### [LATCH Manual Quiz](http://www.saferidenews.org) at [www.saferidenews.org](http://www.saferidenews.org)

- **ALERT:** A new pink Latch Manual for 2009 has just been released. Go to [www.saferidenews.com](http://www.saferidenews.com) to complete the online order form.
- Click on Quick Links, scroll down to the CEUs for CPSTs section and click on the links to the 2009 LATCH Manuals (pdf) for the Latch Quiz.
- 1 CEU max. (limit one quiz)

##### [Car seat manufacturer instruction quiz](http://www.carseat.org) at [www.carseat.org](http://www.carseat.org)

- At the Safety Belt Safe USA home page, click on CEUs for Recertification (under the column Tools for Techs).
- To get to the quiz, you must click on the blue word quiz near the bottom of the page.
- 1 CEU max. (limit one quiz)

**Online Sessions:** (Category 4)

- o [www.SafeKidsWebinars.org](http://www.SafeKidsWebinars.org) - 4 online presentations on School Buses, A Tech's Guide to Recalls, Transportation of Children in Vehicles Other Than Cars and Federal Regulations. Read the instructions and requirements carefully

o [www.cpsboard.org](http://www.cpsboard.org) - 4 online presentations worth 1 CEU each. Click on the Earn CEUs Online link on the right. Read the instructions and requirements carefully. A certificate of completion will be generated when the quiz is passed (80%). Be sure you can **print** from the computer before you start. You must be able to print proof of completion.

o [www.buckleupnc.org/training/index.cfm](http://www.buckleupnc.org/training/index.cfm) - Online videos from NC CPS Conference worth 0.5 to 1 CEU each (5 CEU sessions are currently available). For CEUs, you must create an account on [www.buckleupnc.org](http://www.buckleupnc.org). Techs will only be able to take the quiz and earn CEU credits if they have created an account, are signed in, and have watched the entire video.

o **Manufacturer Sites:** Two manufacturers provide online CEUs through special links in currently certified technicians' online profiles by clicking on the **Online CEUs action item** and selecting on Britax or Evenflo. Follow the instructions provided.

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## **CERTIFICATION RENEWAL CLASS**

Technicians whose certifications have expired are eligible to take the 8-hour Certification Renewal Course.

This class is designed to renew the certification for expired technicians who, again, wish to become nationally certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPSTs). After successfully completing this class, students will be re-certified and be able to provide both individual and group CPS education. Teaching strategies include lecture, skills testing, and a written test (open book – 50 questions).

If you are interested, please contact Holly Terry at 501-364-2478 or email [hmterry@uams.edu](mailto:hmterry@uams.edu).

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## **OPINIONS, SUGGESTIONS, CORRECTIONS, ETC.**

As CPS Technicians and Advocates, your opinion is important to us. Please let us know what you are doing in your community and we will add it to the Calendar of Events. Also, share with us a summary of your program and we'll spotlight your program in upcoming editions. Let others know the great work you are doing. Thanks for all you do in protecting the children of your community and this great state. Next edition coming in October 2011!

If you would like to be taken off of the mailing list, you may do so by replying to this email and typing "Please remove" in the subject line.

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**Knowing is not enough; we must apply.  
Willing is not enough; we must do.**

*Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe*