

# ARKANSAS CPS TECH UPDATE

This is the 24<sup>th</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:

November 2-4: Child Passenger Safety Training Class, Forrest City

November 12: Car seat check, Hope

November 19: Car seat check, Wal-Mart, Hot Springs

December 7-9: Child Passenger Safety Training Class, Monticello

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:**

### **GM Introduces Industry's First Front Center Air Bag**

**New safety feature designed to help protect driver, front passenger in side impact crashes (September 29, 2011) - DETROIT** – General Motors will introduce the industry's first front center air bag, an inflatable restraint designed to help protect drivers and front passengers in far-side impact crashes where the affected occupant is on the opposite, non-struck side of the vehicle.

The front center air bag will be introduced on the [Buick Enclave](#), [GMC Acadia](#), and [Chevrolet Traverse](#) midsize crossovers in the 2013 model year. This new safety feature will be standard on Acadia and Traverse with power seats and all Enclaves.

The front center air bag deploys from the right side of the driver's seat and positions itself between the front row seats near the center of the vehicle. This tethered, tubular air bag is designed to provide restraint during passenger-side crashes when the driver is the only front occupant, and also acts as an energy absorbing cushion between driver and front passenger in both driver- and passenger-side crashes. The air bag also is expected to provide benefit in rollovers.

To read the rest of this article go to:

[http://media.gm.com/content/media/us/en/gm/news.detail.html/content/Pages/news/us/en/2011/Sept/0929\\_airbag](http://media.gm.com/content/media/us/en/gm/news.detail.html/content/Pages/news/us/en/2011/Sept/0929_airbag).

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## **WELCOME NEW TECHNICIANS!**

(4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2011)

### **July 2011 Certification Class in Benton**

Becky Batista, Bale Honda  
Sabra Cordova, Friendship Community Care-MiChild Enrichment Center  
Karla Curry, Friendship Community Care-MiChild Enrichment Center  
Kimberly Gilreath, Arkansas Children's Hospital  
Gayla Goetz, Arkansas County Partners in Health  
Kimberly Hargis, Friendship Community Care-MiChild Enrichment Center  
Paige Jackson, Arkansas Children's Hospital  
Shannon Langhorn, UAMS/CPSE Program  
Lisa Mangum, Central Arkansas Pediatric Clinic  
Jason Moore, Benton Police Department  
Kimberly Newman, Central Arkansas Pediatrics – Conway  
Anne Ruud, Injury Prevention Center – Arkansas Children's Hospital  
Heather Steele, Central Arkansas Pediatric Clinic  
Laura Voss, Garland County DCFS

### **July 2011 Certification Class in Hope**

Mitzi Ammons, Magnolia Regional Medical Center  
Shannon Hawthorne, Independent  
Pamela Hearnberger, DHS/DDS/Children's Services  
Perry Johnson, Central Church-Prescott  
Pamela Morrow, Independent  
Virginia Rosenberry, Howard Memorial Hospital  
Kim Turbeville, Howard Memorial Hospital

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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 10/25/2011. The *SafetyBeltSafe USA* recall list was updated October 6, 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:

The UAMS Child Passenger Safety Education Program participated in Child Passenger Safety Week 2011 in September. As a part of this awareness campaign, five car seat checks up events were schedule in different areas of the state (Hope, Benton, Marianna, Ozark and Brinkley, Arkansas). During this week, a total of 125 seating positions were checked and 110 child safety seats were loaned, which lead to a 95% average of misuse for the week. During these events, parents and caregivers were instructed on proper installation techniques to make sure the child safety seat were properly installed and used in their vehicles according to updated best practice recommendations released by the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Special thanks to the following techs for your assistance and hard work without which these events could not have taken place:

Michael Bedsole (Benton PD)  
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Tonya Smith (Independent)  
Katina Criswell (Independent)  
Debe Harmon (Grand Avenue Baptist Church)  
Mary Scemons (Mid-Delta Health Systems, Inc.)  
Rhonda Harris (Mid-Delta Health Systems, Inc.)

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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 October 2011 Issue includes information on the following:**

- CPS Cert Web Site Gets A New Look
  - Tech Proxy: It's Official
  - Instructor Candidate Application Revisions
  - Summer Tech Update: Stay in the Know
  - GM Introduces Industry's First Front Center Airbag
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**B) National CPS Board *Tech Update Tools for Techs* – *Sign up now!***  
**Source: Summer 2011 Issue Go to [www.cpsboard.org](http://www.cpsboard.org)**

- 1)  **Traffic Safety Marketing Tools, Tips** –In an effort to provide one-stop shopping for marketing and communication tools, NHTSA has created [www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov](http://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov). The TSM website provides information and tools for national traffic safety campaigns—including occupant protection and seat belt use—as well as tools for understanding and utilizing a variety of advertising, marketing, and communication strategies. In addition to national campaign information, TSM also provides communication tips on a variety of topics to help programs succeed, including advertising, branding, earned media, evaluation, media buying, presentations, research and planning, and using social media.

For more information and to download the CPS Week planner or sign up for e-mail updates, visit [www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov](http://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov).

- 2) **National CPS Certification Student Manual—Available Now!** – The current (2010) student manual is available for free download on the CPS Board website ([www.cpsboard.org/techmanual.htm](http://www.cpsboard.org/techmanual.htm)).

- 3) **Additional Learning Opportunities** - Don't forget to read CPS Express! for a list of upcoming trainings, webinars, and CEU opportunities.
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### **C) Phone Apps**

With today's technology allowing people to stay connected with many of the resources they are used to having in the office on their phone, the CPS community cannot be left out. A couple of new phone apps have become available:

- **Recalls.gov** – allows you to check the recalls of seats without having to have a recall list on hand. You can check recalls by looking up the manufacturer and model number or you can scan the bar code if there is one on the seat.
  - **Car Seat Helper** – This comes from Phoenix Children's Hospital. The "Car Seat Helper" app is designed to help select the appropriate seat for a child's age, height and weight and based on the latest recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics.
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## D) 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](#) – 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](#) at [www.saferideneews.org](http://www.saferideneews.org)

- **ALERT:** A new pink Latch Manual for 2009 has just been released. Go to [www.saferideneews.com](http://www.saferideneews.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](#) 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)

- [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
- [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.
- [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.

- **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 January 2012!

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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**Nothing great was ever achieved  
without enthusiasm.**

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*