

ARKANSAS CPS TECH UPDATE

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Calendar of Events

- October 23: Car seat check, Jefferson Regional Medical Center, Pine Bluff (3pm – 6pm)
- October 31 – November 2: Certification class: Black River Technical College, Pocahontas, AR
- November 10: Car seat check, Wal-Mart, Hot Springs (10am – 1pm)
- November 14 – 16: Certification class: LRAFB, Jacksonville, AR
- December 5-7: Certification class: UACCH, Hope, AR

Way to Go Arkansas CPS Technicians!!

As of September 2012, Arkansas had 262 certified technicians eligible for recertification. One hundred fifty-one techs recertified giving us a rate of 57.6%. The national recertification rate is 55.9%. You are doing a great job!

Remember: To recertify you must have completed five (5) seat installations with an instructor to sign off, attended a community event (i.e. 2-hour car seat check or 4-hours of education to non-technicians), and obtained six (6) CEUs. All of this needs to be logged into the certification website at <http://cert.safekids.org>. **DO NOT WAIT TO THE LAST MINUTE!** You have 2-years to complete the requirements. Don't forget, if you need help paying the recert fee, the CPSE Program can help you. Notify either Holly Terry at hmterry@uams.edu or Shannon Langhorn at sdlanghorn@uams.edu.

CEU OPPORTUNITIES

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/), 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

- **ALERT:** A new pink Latch Manual for 2009 has just been released. Go to 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

- 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 - 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 - 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 - 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. 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.

WELCOME NEW TECHNICIANS!

September 2012 Certification Class in Little Rock

Shantell Buckner, Baptist Health Medical Center
Randy Emerson, Area Agency on Aging
William Farmer, Arkansas Children's Hospital
Brittanye Gyce, Little Rock Fire Department
Darla Henry, Arkansas Children's Hospital
Adrienne Howard, Arkansas Children's Hospital
Courtney Johnson, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Dani Moton, Excel
Reba Prieur, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Quincy Thurston, Arkansas Children's Hospital
Claudia Zamora, Excel



CPS UPDATE – LATEST NEWS YOU CAN USE

Regulatory Review: Government Announces New Changes to FMVSS 213

In February, the US Department of Transportation issued a final rule to improve FMVSS 213, the federal regulation about child restraint systems. The rule will go into effect in two years. The big changes are:

- FMVSS 213 will now cover all child restraint and booster products for children who weigh 80 lb or less
- A new crash test dummy has been added that represents a 10-year-old child. It will be used to test products made for kids who weigh between 65-80 lb.
- A new way to position the 6-year-old and 10-year-old dummies in boosters. During testing, they will be seated more like children really sit instead of perfectly upright.
- Harnessed CRS will need to have LATCH weight limits on labels. They will tell the user that LATCH can be used to install the CRS until the combined weight of the child and the restraint reach 65 lb. So for a product weighing 15 lb, you will be able to install it with LATCH until the child reaches 50 lb.
- Booster seats can be secured using LATCH with children of any weight allowed by the manufacturer.



This final rule is the result of several proposed rules, plus suggestions from manufacturers and the public. You can find the full text at http://www.nhtsa.gov/staticfiles/rulemaking/pdf/H111-10C_Part571-FinalRule_022112_v1.pdf. (source: www.cpsboard.org/techupdate.htm)

CPS RESOURCES

- ❖ National CPS Board *Tech Update* (Source: Winter 2011-12 Issue) Go to www.cpsboard.org

Seat Check Smarts: Using Tethers with Seat Belt Installations Techs use the term LATCH all the time. Don't forget it describes two things: lower anchors and tethers. You should always use the top tether when installing forward-facing CRS with lower anchors. However, you can also usually use the top tether when using the seat belt to install a forward-facing CRS. If a child is in a severe crash, the top tether will keep the child's head about six (6) inches further back. So using the top tether gives a major safety benefit by reducing the potential for head injury. (read the complete article http://www.cpsboard.org/pdf/techreport/TechUpdate_Winter2011-12.pdf).

- ❖ National CPS Certification's *CPS Express* (<http://cert.safekids.org/ResourcesFAQs/CPSExpress.aspx>)

From the July 2012 Issue: *Chrysler Group Announces Changes to LATCH Weight Limits, New Publications from the National Center for Statistics and Analysis*

From the August 2012 Issue: *New Auto Safety Technologies Prevent Crashes, More Online CEU Options*

From the September 2012 Issue: *Child Passenger Safety Practices in the U.S., Seat Belt Use in 2011*

From the October 2012 Issue: *Special Edition: Seat Check Sign Off*

- ❖ Carseats AR website

To know what is going on in the state or your area check out our website www.carseatsar.org. Check out the Calendar, the Technician Corner, or the map to locate other techs.

- ❖ Recalls: Are you up to date?

SafetyBeltSafe, U.S.A.: 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.

University of North Carolina, Highway Safety Research Center: www.hrsc.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.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: 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.

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 2013!

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Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.

Henry Ford