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CPS Celebrity Car Seat Challenge

Kicks of National CPS Week, September 16 - 22, 2012

Celebrity Car Seat Challenge '12

September 12, 2012 * 10 AM
At the Shops at Kanawha in front of Anytime Fitness

To kick-off Child Passenger Safety Week, the Governor's Highway Safety Program is hosting the 2nd Annual Celebrity Car Seat Challenge! Local Celebrities will compete to see who can do the best job properly installing Child Passenger Safety Seats. Come down and cheer on your favorite celebrity!

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Thank You to Bert Wolfe Toyota for providing vehicles for the Challenge again this year!

September 12, 2012
Charleston, WV

On September 12, 2012, a "Celebrity Car Seat Challenge" was held at the Shops at Kanawha. This was a fun and challenging way to kick off CPS Week in West Virginia and to prove that installing child safety devices is not "Child's Play". The message was clear! Those participating were Nicky Walters, News Reporter, WOWK TV, News Channel 13; Larry Pfost, Sales Manager and Director of Government

Relations, MetroNews Radio Network; Steve Bishop, Host of the V100 Morning Show; Jenifer McAndrews, Eyewitness News Anchor, WCHS and WVAH, News Channel 8 and Fox 11 and; Brian Egan, Host of the New Wolf and Friends Morning Show, 96.1 The Wolf.

Jenifer McAndrews, WCHS and Brian Egan, 96.1 The Wolf, won the competition. The winner's were chosen on a scoring system, consisting of various points of correct installation.

Bert Wolfe Toyota graciously donated the use of vehicles for this event. A special thanks to the GHSP Staff and others who worked diligently along with the CPS Statewide Coordinator in making this event possible!



WINNERS! Jenifer McAndrews, WCHS TV and Brian Egan, 96.1 The Wolf

~ More pictures and details on 2012 CPS week activities are continued on Pages 2 and 3



Congratulating Each Other - Brian Egan, 96.1 The Wolf and Jenifer McAndrews, WCHS TV



Left to Right - Steve Bishop, V-100; Nicky Walters, WOWK TV; Brian Egan, 96.1 The Wolf; Jenifer McAndrews, WCHS TV; and Larry Pfost, Metro News



L-R - Back Row: Natalie Harvey, Public Relations Director, CPS Instructor; Steve Bishop, V100; Brian Egan, 96.1 The Wolf; Jenifer McAndrews, WCHS TV; Larry Pfost, MetroNews; Dave Cook, Lead CPS Instructor; Brett Pickens, Wood County Sheriff's Department, CPS Instructor

L-R - Front Row: Catherine Bryant, GHSP; Earl Cook, CPS Instructor; Nicky Walters, WOWK TV; Trish Anderson, CPS Statewide Coordinator

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Feel free to contact one of us via email should you have any questions. We will be happy to help you and answer any questions or concerns that you may have.



A Message from

Trish Anderson,
CPS Coordinator

Thanks to everyone for all their hard work in 2012! Without you the program would not be a success! If you have any pic's or story's send them to me and I'll be happy to publish them in the next newsletter.

UPCOMING!! KIDZ IN MOTION CLASS

Judge Donald F. Black **March 14, 2013**
Courthouse Annex **9:00 am - 3:00 pm**
317 Market Street **(Large Conference Rm)**
Parkersburg, WV 26101

TO REGISTER, CONTACT:

Toni Tiano at tianoknopp@suddenlink.net
or call 304-481-6409

CPS Week Seat Checks Across the State!

National CPS Week Took Place September 16 - 22, 2012

Region 1 Target, Charleston
62 Seats



Region 2

Moses Automall, Huntington
Checked 7

Steve Amis providing a parent with literature




Beau Evans assisting a parent.

Region 3

Walmart, Vienna
Checked 20



Region 4

Old Navy, Triadelphia & Orrick Building, Wheeling
Checked 20





Top - Asst. Chief Blazier, Wheeling Fire Department, assisting a parent with installing his car seat properly

Left - Lt. Berry, Wheeling Fire Department

Region 5

Monongalia County Sheriff's Office, Morgantown; Pediatric Associates, Bridgeport & Walmart, Clarksburg
Checked 20



Region 8

Mark Wood State Farm, Princeton
Checked 10



Region 7

Fire Dept, Beckley
Checked 16



2012 CPS Classes Across the State

Charleston Class • December 11th - 14th, At the Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority



First Row – L-R: Sean Wiggins; Michelle White; Danitta Ward; Tara Tiger; Heather Spinks; Kim Shanklin; Steve Petty; Hedrick Miller; Erin Lude; Justin Jones; Jane Anne Horton and Earl Cook, Instructor

Second Row – L-R: Albert Bond; Ryan Brumfield; Christopher Burford; Dean Capehart; Annamae Conter; Johathan Evans; Amy Fulks; Amanda Green; Chris Harper; Tony Hazelett and Dave Cook, Lead Instructor

Class of Charleston Car Seat Check up Event – December 14, 2012 from 10 a.m. to Noon; held at Kmart in Kanawha City. 11 children are riding safely as a result of the event!



Huntington • August 7th - 10th



Those in attendance were (not in order): Stephen Amis; Travis Elkins; Beau Evans; Lisa Harper; Benjamin Howard; Keith Larson; Stephen Maniskas; Pam Nelson; Randy Spears; Tomas Worstell; Dave Cook, Lead Instructor; Earl Cook, Instructor and Rick Hensley, Instructor

Wheeling Class • September 18th - 21th

Those in attendance were: Jon Barry; Jim Blazier; Deborah Chambers; Christopher Fabrizio; Bill Fedorko; Dave Harmon; Matthew Hronek; Martin Imbroscio; Daniel Jamison; Brad Littleton; Rob Marriner; Jason Martin; James Miller; Ken Prager; Dave Cook, Lead Instructor; Earl Cook, Instructor; Brett Pickens, Instructor and Bob Tipton, Instructor

Currently, there are over 200 active Nationally Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians within the State of West Virginia and that number keeps growing!

Technician's Corner

August 20, 2012
Wyoming County, WV

Pam Nelson and Lisa Harper, Certified Techs, located in Wyoming County, were helping out with a prenatal socialization Day, August 20, 2012.

A client brought in her new baby in an infant carrier; the first thing Pam and Lisa noticed was the harness; it was above his shoulders and the chest clip was too low. The mother asked if her seat was okay. Pam and Lisa explained to her the proper way to buckle the baby and assisted her with adjusting the harness correctly and performed the pinch test as well!

At the end of the social, Pam and Lisa checked the base of the infant carrier in her vehicle and they found that they could physically turn the base completely upside down! They installed the base correctly and showed the mother how to install it correctly as well.

The mother also had a 4 year old child who was too tall for the backless booster that he was sitting in; his ears were well above the seat back and there was no head rest present. Pam and Lisa suggested a booster with a back.



She was very grateful and thanked them over and over! Pam and Lisa both agreed that if they never install another seat, they made a difference that day!

A personal thank you to Dave Cook, Earl Cook and all Instructors, because they now know and understand the importance and why the class was four days long! Pam and Lisa said that they really learned a lot and plan to use their training to help their community and families!

Southern Regional HIGHWAY SAFETY Awards Banquet

For Child Passenger Safety & Occupant Protection



L-R - Margie Sadler, WV MADD; Mary Jones, Mountain Heart Community Services; Lola Rizer, Southern Communications; Lynn O'Brien, Crime Stoppers and George Bragg, GEM Photo

NEW Technician Resources!

This Log was developed exclusively for current and active CPS Certified Technicians use. Thanks to the techs that use this log on a regular basis. When installing or checking a child safety car seat for a friend, neighbor, family member, etc., often times the Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) Coordinator in that region is not aware of it.

Using this Log, will better aid the Coordinator in obtaining a more accurate seat check / installation total number on a monthly basis. These numbers will be included in the GHSP Annual Report.

Entry is quick and easy! To use it, click:

<http://www.transportation.wv.gov/dmv/Pages/ChildPassengerSafetySeatCheckInstallationLog.aspx>

When finished with your entry, the page will redirect you to the Safe Kids website, so that you may log on to your Safe Kids profile and enter your seat check (if needed) on your profile as well, for re-certification purposes. Done! If you enter your email address at the bottom of the form, a copy of the entry will be forwarded to you for your records.

Incentive reward for using the [Child Passenger Safety Seat Check/Installation Log](#):

For the techs that enter all five seat checks in the CPS Seat Check Installation Log required in order to re-certify with Safe Kids, you are eligible for a reward, within your two-year recertification cycle.

Again, this does not take the place of entering your required seat checks on your Safe Kids profile.

Once you accomplish this task, please notify me via email Trish.A.Anderson@wv.gov. I encourage you to use the log on a regular basis.

The reward is your choice of a long or short sleeve polo shirt; black with gold CPS Logo. Men's sizes: Long Sleeve: Large; X-Large; XX-Large. Men's short sleeve: Medium; Large; X-Large; XX-Large. Women's sizes: Long sleeve: Large; X-Large; XX-Large. Short sleeve: Small; Medium; Large; X-Large.

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Child Passenger Safety Seat Check/Installation Log" from the West Virginia Department of Transportation. The form includes a navigation menu on the left with categories like "ATV Safety and Awareness", "Call Center", "CDL", "Child Passenger Safety", "Commissioner", "Dealer Services", "Driver's Licenses", "Forms", "Highway Safety", "IRP & IFTA", "Manuals", "Motorcycle Safety", "News", "Regional Offices", and "Trip Permits". The main content area contains a "Name of Technician" field, a "County" dropdown menu with a "List of Counties by Region" link, and a "Region/Coordinator" dropdown menu. Below these is a section titled "Enter the number next to the seat type below to show the total seats checked and/or installed." with five radio button options: "Infant - Rear Facing Seat", "Convertible - Rear Facing Seat", "Convertible - Forward Facing", "Combination - Forward Facing", and "Booster". At the bottom, there are fields for "Date Completed" and "Email Address", and "Submit" and "Cancel" buttons.



Marshal Student

Saving lives, one car seat at a time.

JOSIE LANDGRAVE

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A report from the World Health Organization said nearly 1 million children die from unintentional injuries every year—traffic accidents being the biggest killer. Beau Evans and Larry Kendall are working to decrease that number.

Beau Evans, senior science education major, and Larry Kendall, administrator of the Highway Safety Program, seek to educate and demonstrate the proper way to install children's car seats.

Properly installing car seats requires that the seat be level, secure and that it be the right size for the child.

"As an administrative assistant here at the Highway Safety Program and a future educator, it is my job to have a positive influence on the community and to make it safer," Evans said.

Kendall and Evans installed 537 car seats last year. Many of the car seat installations were for frustrated parents seeking help.

"There are complexities to car seats. They can be very confusing and frustrating with various straps and latches," Kendall said. "We are here to help ease those concerns and answer questions. Hopefully we save lives in the case of an accident."

Chris and Jane Wasserman, who are expecting their first child this month, said they contacted the Highway Safety Program office when their car seat would not sit level in their car. After some research and experimenting, Evans and Kendall were able to solve the Wasserman's problem.

"Our daughter is going to be my number one priority and concern when traveling in the car. I came here to learn how to make it as safe as possible for her," Jane



Wasserman said. "I think all parents should learn the proper way to install their children's seats because in a car accident, parents have so much to lose."

There are consequences for parents who do not use car seats properly and police officers can pull cars over for improper use of child restraints. However, the biggest consequence is the injury or death of a child.

"It doesn't take a very large crash to kill your child," Kendall said. "The forces of an accident may not hurt you, but can seriously injure your child because they are smaller and less developed."

Evans hopes educating parents will help keep children and parents safe.

"We hope this will encourage parents to buckle up too," Kendall said. "This way, we can educate and protect the child and their parents in one setting."

Evans plans to continue to work with parents to ensure child safety and loves the fulfillment his profession brings.

"I want to save lives," Evans said. "Here at my job, I am already changing and potentially saving lives. It is a great feeling at the end of the day to know I am putting a dent in the number of child deaths and injuries."

All car seat installations are free to the public and those interested or concerned about their child's safety in a vehicle are encouraged to contact the Highway Safety Program office at 304-696-5545.

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August, 2012
Ceredo, WV

Sgt. Stephen R. Amis, Police Dispatcher / Technician, Ceredo Police Department, purchased a Child Safety Seat Inspection Kit, with funds acquired by Chief Poston at the Ceredo Police Department .

He held a Child Passenger Safety Inspection Station in front of Ceredo Elementary School for an hour in August; this was shortly after he graduated from the 32 hr. Technician Certification Course.



The first car seat he checked had a 2 year old child in a convertible with a seat belt around her stomach only and the car seat wasn't even attached!

The driver was informed of the potential dangers, as well as the penalties.

He properly installed the seat and gave her educational materials. The mother was very grateful and departed with the child riding safely.

REMEMBER!

Check and update your profile often; this is very important! Logon today to <http://cert.safekids.org>, online services and ensure that your address, email address, phone number and recertification info are current and up to date.

IT'S **YOUR** RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP YOUR PROFILE UP TO DATE!

Check out these websites to receive CEUs:

- www.safekids.org/certification
- www.carseat.org
- www.cpsboard.org
- www.saferidenews.com

DO YOU HAVE CPS STORIES TO SHARE?

Send your article submissions to Trish Anderson, CPS Coordinator via email at Trish.A.Anderson@wv.gov.